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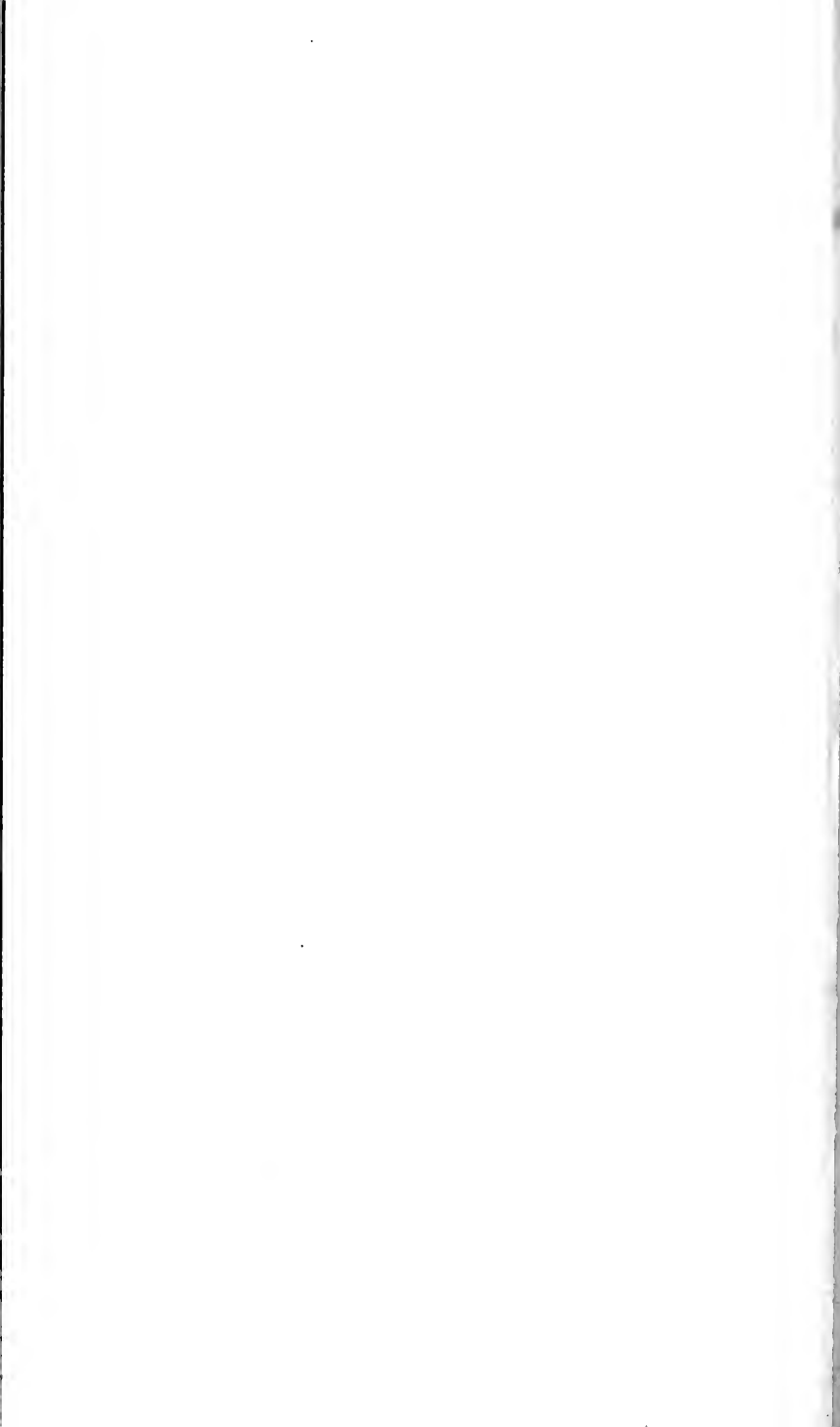
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Most Worshipful Brother
WILLIAM JOHN DROPE, M. A.

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SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

HELD AT THE CITY


of

TORONTO
ONTARIO

JULY 16th and 17th, A.D. 1924, A. L. 5924



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GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA

In the Province of Ontario

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the Town of Weston on Saturday the Seventh day of June, A.D. 1924, A.L. 5924.

There were present—

M. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt.....	as Grand Master
V. W. Bro. K. J. Dunstan.....	as Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Bro. H. G. French.....	Grand Senior Warden
R. W. Bro. W. F. Montague.....	Grand Junior Warden
R. W. Bro. G. H. Purchase.....	as Grand Chaplain
R. W. Bro. A. J. Anderson.....	as Grand Treasurer
R. W. Bro. W. M. Logan.....	Grand Secretary
W. Bro. W. L. Abernethy.....	as Grand Senior Deacon
W. Bro. G. C. Kirby.....	as Grand Junior Deacon
V. W. Bro. W. J. Wadsworth	as Grand Director of Ceremonie
V. W. Bro. D. H. Burritt.....	Grand Superintendent of Works
V. W. Bro. E. Y. Barraclough.....	Grand Pursuivant
V. W. Bro. W. J. Attig.....	as Assistant Grand Secretary

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 4.30 o'clock P.M. by the M.W. the Acting Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the Corner Stone of the Weston Masonic Temple.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers, having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off, when a procession was formed under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies and marched to the site in the prescribed order, taking up their proper position at the northeast corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain then invoked a blessing, and the acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone.

IN THE NAME AND BY THE FAVOR OF THE
GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE

On the Seventh day of June, A.D. 1924, A.L. 5924,
in the Fifteenth year of the reign of our Most Gracious
Sovereign

GEORGE V.

by the grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great
Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions
beyond the seas, KING, Defender of the Faith, Emperor
of India.

His Excellency, Lord Byng of Vimy, being Governor-
General of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King, C.M.G.,
being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

His Honour Harry Cockshutt, Esquire, being
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Hon. G. H. Ferguson, being Premier of the
Province of Ontario.

M.W. Bro. W. J. Drope, M.A., being Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the
Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. J. A. Rowland, being Deputy Grand
Master.

R. W. Bro. F. G. I. Whetter being D.D.G.M. of the
Toronto Masonic District A.

THIS CORNER STONE

of the Masonic Temple was laid by M. W. Bro. F. W.
Harcourt, Past Grand Master, assisted by the acting
Grand Lodge Officers, in the presence of a large con-
course of citizens of the Town of Weston.

The Procession was re-formed and the brethren
returned to the lodge room where Grand Lodge was
closed.



Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA

In the Province of Ontario

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the City of Belleville, on Tuesday the Seventeenth day of June A.D. 1924, A.L. 5924.

There were present—

M. W. Bro. Wm N. Ponton.....	as Grand Master
R. W. Bro. S. S. Lazier.....	as Past Grand Master
V. W. Bro. G. S. Ryerson.....	as Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Bro. W. S. Herrington.....	as Grand Senior Warden
V. W. Bro. W. S. Morden.....	as Grand Junior Warden
R.W. Bro. Rev. Robert Charles Blgrave, D.D....	Grand Chaplain
W. Bros. Rev. F. E. Malott and A. S. Kerr....	Asst. Grand Chaplains
R.W. Bro. F. E. O'Flynn.....	as Grand Treasurer
R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan.....	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. W. O. Adams.....	as Grand Senior Deacon
V.W. Bro. Geo. Ross.....	as Grand Junior Deacon
R.W. Bro. J. M. Empey.....	as Grand Dir of Ceremonies
W. Bro. Judge Wills.....	as Grand Supt. of Works
V.W. Bro. E. Y. Barraclough.....	Grand Pursuivant
W. Bro. Roscoe Vanderwater.....	as Grand Sword Bearer

As Grand Stewards:

W. Bros. Hall, J. Stevenson, H. E. Thompson, L. Walmsley,
Valleau, John McCarthy.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 3 o'clock, by the M.W. the acting Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the Corner Stone of the United Empire Loyalist Memorial Building.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers, having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off, when a procession was formed under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies and marched to the site in the prescribed order, taking up their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The Grand Chaplain then invoked a blessing and the acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone.

IN THE NAME AND BY FAVOR OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE

On the Seventeenth day of June, A.D. 1924, A.L. 5924, in the fifteenth year of the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign

GEORGE V.

by the grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the seas, KING, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

His Excellency, Lord Byng, of Vimy, being Governor General of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. Harry Cockshutt being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Hon. George H. Ferguson being Premier of the Province of Ontario.

E. Gus. Porter, K.C., Esquire, being member for the Constituency of West Hastings in the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada.

W. H. Ireland, Esquire, being member for the Constituency of West Hastings in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

William Charles Mikel, K.C., being Mayor of the City of Belleville.

M.W. Bro. Wm. J. Drope being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

R.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, being Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

R.W. Bro. Thomas E. Laycock, being District Deputy Grand Master of the Prince Edward Masonic District.

THIS CORNER STONE

of the United Empire Loyalists' Memorial Building was laid by M.W. Bro. Wm. N. Ponton, Past Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Lodge officers, in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and citizens of the City of Belleville.

The acting Grand Treasurer deposited the phial containing coins, newspapers and other records in the cavity of the stone.

The acting Grand Wardens and the acting Deputy Grand Master applied the instruments of their office to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty. The M.W. the Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proven, true and trusty.

The procession was re-formed and the brethren returned to the lodge room, where Grand Lodge was closed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "W. W. Logan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name of the Grand Secretary.

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE A.F. & A.M. OF CANADA
In the Province of Ontario

PROCEEDINGS

At the Sixty-Ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the City of Toronto, Ontario, commencing, Wednesday, July 16th, A.D. 1924, A.L. 5924.

There were present:

THE GRAND MASTER

M. W. Brother William John Drope, M.A., on the Throne.

THE ACTING DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

M. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, K.C.

R.W. Bro. H. G. French.....	Grand Senior Warden
R.W. Bro. W. F. Montague.....	Grand Junior Warden
M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K.C.....	Grand Treasurer
R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan.....	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. Rev. R. C. Blgrave.....	Grand Chaplain
R.W. Bro. Edwin Smith.....	Grand Registrar

PAST GRAND MASTERS

M.W. Bros. W. R. White, K.C., E. T. Malone, K.C., J. H. Burritt,
K.C., W. D. McPherson, K.C.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

R.W. Bro. Chas. S. Graham.....	Hagersville
" Geo. Sirrs.....	Cargill
" Angus Graham.....	Thamseville
" C. F. Whittaker.....	Williamsburg
" J. G. Fennell.....	Napanee
" W. N. Duff.....	Barrie
" W. G. Blackwell.....	Dundalk
" J. M. McKenzie.....	Milton
" Erland Lee.....	Stoney Creek
" T. H. Martin.....	Denfield
" A. W. Freeland.....	Emsdale
" A. B. Damude.....	Fonthill
" W. A. Simpson.....	Sault Ste. Marie

"	Samuel Wilton.....	Brussels
"	T. S. Church.....	Arnprior
"	E. J. Wormington.....	Cobourg
"	E. C. Bonnycastle.....	Campbellford
"	T. E. Laycock.....	Marmora
"	A. D. Armstrong.....	Brigden
"	John Stevenson.....	Stratford
"	F. Bellamy.....	Brockville
"	T. L. Cochrane.....	St. Thomas
"	J. Paterson.....	Englehart
"	F. G. I. Whetter.....	Toronto
"	R. J. Shier.....	Sunderland
"	A. L. Tinker.....	Toronto
"	C. G. Anderson.....	Toronto
"	Wm. Jobe.....	Kirkfield
"	M. Schiedel.....	Kitchener
"	E. W. Moles.....	Norwich
"	A. H. Dalziel.....	Windsor

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

GRAND LODGE OF

M.W. Bro.	E. T. Malone.....	Ireland
R.W. Bro.	A. J. Young.....	Alberta
"	E. B. Brown.....	British Columbia
"	J. A. C. Anderson.....	New Brunswick
"	Fred Cook.....	Manitoba
"	Geo. Malcolm.....	Nova Scotia
"	Thomas Rowe.....	Prince Edward Is.
"	Thos. Shanks.....	Quebec
M.W. Bro.	D. J. Goggin.....	Saskatchewan
R.W. Bro.	Lyman Lee.....	New South Wales
"	John Boyd.....	New Zealand
"	J. McC. Potts.....	Queensland
M.W. Bro.	J. H. Burritt.....	South Australia
R.W. Bro.	A. F. Webster.....	Tasmania
M.W. Bro.	W. D. McPherson.....	Victoria
R.W. Bro.	F. K. Ebbitt.....	California
"	W. M. Logan.....	Colorado
"	Geo. H. Smith.....	Connecticut
M.W. Bro.	W. R. White.....	Georgia
"	W. J. Drope.....	Dis. of Columbia
R.W. Bro.	R. F. Richardson.....	Idaho
"	R. H. Spencer.....	Kansas
"	H. C. Tugwell.....	Louisiana
"	J. B. Way.....	Maine
"	W. N. Gatfield.....	Michigan
"	C. W. Haentschel.....	Minnesota
"	Geo. Naylor.....	Montana
"	Henry T. Smith.....	Nebraska
V.W. Bro.	W. R. Ledger.....	Nevada
"	J. A. Cowan.....	New Hampshire
R.W. Bro.	Geo. Moore.....	Ohio
V.W. Bro.	K. J. Dunstan.....	Oregon
R.W. Bro.	J. F. Reid.....	Rhode Island
"	A. J. Anderson.....	Tennessee

“	T. H. Brunton.....	Virginia
“	W. C. Wilkinson.....	Washington
“	Henry Rush.....	Wisconsin
“	F. Davey Diamond.....	Costa Rica
“	Geo. Tait.....	Cuba
“	G. G. Rowe.....	Italy
“	F. C. Bonnycastle.....	Peru
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V.W. Bro.	T. R. Logan.....	Grand Senior Deacon
V.W. Bro.	J. G. M. Wilson.....	Grand Junior Deacon
V.W. Bro.	D. H. Burritt.....	Grand Supt. of Works
V.W. Bro.	W. F. Randall.....	Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro.	W. J. Attig.....	as Assistant Grand Secretary
V.W. Bro.	J. A. Burry.....	asst Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro.	R. L. Dunn.....	Grand Sword Bearer
V.W. Bro.	D. Hawkins.....	Grand Organist
V.W. Bro.	E. Y. Barraclough.....	Grand Pursuivant

Grand Stewards:

V.W. Bros.	J. A. Wickens, F. F. Dickerson, F. N. Leavens, E. Snud- den, S. H. Guest, B. F. Nott, J. E. Bailey, C. H. Reasbeck, G. S. Code, T. H. Reburn, H. W. Linney, J. Billing- hurst, I. Clark, John Munro, J. L. Davidson and S. Brown.
V.W. Bros.	E. Denroche and Jas. Gill. Grand Standard Bearers
V.W. Bro.	H. J. Pritchard.....Grand Tyler

While the M.W. the Grand Master and the Officers of Grand Lodge were entering the Auditorium, the Toronto Masonic Choir, under the leadership of Bro. Ernest Bowles, sang the Maple Leaf and other selections, which were received with enthusiastic applause.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORONTO

His Worship, Mayor W. W. Hiltz, Chief Magistrate of the City of Toronto, was formally introduced by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K.C., was invited to the Dais, where he addressed the M.W. the Grand Master as follows:

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario:

My predecessor in the Mayor's Chair, Brother C. Alfred Maguire, had the pleasure of welcoming you on

the occasion of your Annual Communication here in 1923, and after your decision was made to meet again in Toronto in 1924 he did you the exceptional honour of issuing an official statement addressed to the members of the Craft, marking his appreciation of the favour thus shown to Toronto, and promising that your reception in 1924 would be an even warmer one than that accorded to you in 1923. It is my good fortune to have the duty of fulfilling that promise, and I do so with the greatest possible pleasure because I am convinced that there is no society more deserving of honour and more worthy of favourable consideration at the hands of the civil authorities than is our ancient and honourable society, the premier among fraternal organizations. It is, therefore, without the slightest misgiving that I give you, Most Worshipful Sir, the keys of the City and the freedom of Toronto for the whole time of your Annual Communication.

In passing I may remark that the word "Toronto," which has come down to us from the days when the red men were the sole occupants of the country, means "The place of meeting." By assembling here two years in succession you have confirmed us in the belief that Toronto for more than one reason is a very desirable place of meeting.

Toronto is the Capital city of the leading Province of the Dominion. It is the educational centre and the commercial centre and the financial centre and the industrial centre of the Province, and its people are in hearty sympathy with the high aims of the Craft.

In this City the Craft is strong, its increase in numbers being very marked during the past few years, and it is a pleasure to note that Toronto has given to the Craft many outstanding brethren who have been elevated to the high office which you, Most Worshipful Sir, have the honour to occupy.

The Masonic Craft is strongly established in English speaking countries, and has extended to many countries of other languages in all parts of the world.

The questions may be asked:

Why has this society, a symbolic craft founded on the builder's operative art, spread over the greater part of the habitable world, so that the sun is said to be always at its meridian with respect to masonry?

Why does it continue to grow numerically stronger?

Why does it continue to hold the attachment of its myriads of members century after century?

Probably the answer to these questions is that this society has regard to men simply as men, without regard to position or wealth or rank, without regard to political preferences, and without regard to ecclesiastic affiliations—its leading principle being the recognition of the brotherhood of men under the Fatherhood of God.

Surely it is well that there should be one human society into which men are admitted solely on the ground of their personal worth, and not on the ground of their financial strength; into which men cannot buy their way; a society which unites men and counteracts the divisive and estranging effect of the differences of opinion with regard to other matters which must necessarily exist everywhere.

I think it may be said with truth that the influence of the Masonic society is altogether a good one.

Its influence in the home is for good.

Its influence in the everyday life of the community is for good.

Its influence in the relations between nations is for good, overstepping national boundaries and reminding peoples of different states that they are brothers.

I am glad to know that the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, now entering upon its seventieth year as an independent sovereign grand body is strong and stable, with its permanence assured and its promise a bright one of continued usefulness and an honourable place among the Grand Lodges of the Craft.

Most Worshipful Sir, again I give you and the Grand Lodge a right hearty welcome to the City of Toronto. I hope your stay among us will be an enjoyable one, and that we shall have the pleasure of welcoming your distinguished body on many future occasions.

To the address of the Mayor the Grand Master responded briefly, adverting to the pleasant memory of the kind reception and bountiful hospitality given to Grand Lodge in 1923, and thanking the Mayor and his citizens for their warm-hearted greeting and expressions of good-will.

His Worship the Mayor, then retired from the Auditorium.

FIRST DAY

GRAND LODGE OPENED

A constitutional number of lodges being represented. Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at ten o'clock in the forenoon and the Grand Chaplain asked the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U. upon the proceedings.

The M.W. the Grand Master gave permission to all Masons in good standing to enter and occupy the side seats.

Following are the names of those present:

No. 2, Niagara, Niagara-on-the Lake. W. Bro. W. H. Singer, W.M., R.W. Bro. W. R. Allen, V.W. Bro. H. L. Anderson, W. Bros. W. H. Quinn, W. E. Lyall, J. H. Brown, T. A. Stewart, C. W. Ink-sater, P.Ms.

No. 3, Ancient St. John's, Kingston. Bro. J. C. Allen, S.W., Bro. Wm. Peters, J.W., W. Bro. W. J. Saunders, P.M.

No. 5, Sussex, Brockville. W. Bro. Geo. E. Board, W.M. W. Bro. A. H. Gilsham, P.M.

No. 6, Barton, Hamilton. R.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, P.M. and Proxy. M.W. Bro. L. T. McDonald, R.W. Bros. James McGregor, V.W. Bro. W. H. Davis, W. Bro. E. B. O'Reilly, P.Ms.

No. 7, Union, Grimsby. W. Bro. John E. Scott, W.M. M.W. Bro. W. J. Drope, R.W. Bro. C. T. Farrell, V.W. Bros. W. F. Randall, M. Frampton, P.Ms.

No. 9, Union, Napanee. W. Bro. W. J. Wiggins, W.M. R.W. Bro. J. G. Fennell, P.M.

No. 10, Norfolk, Simcoe. W. Bro. J. S. Boyd, W.M.

No. 11, Moira, Belleville. W. Bro. H. J. Hall, W.M. Bro. F. G. Chamberlain, J.W., W. Bro. W. S. Morden, P.M.

No. 15, St. George's, St. Catharines. W. Bro. Ellis Coates, W.M. W. Bros. C. F. Monk, F. E. Moore, C. W. Karn, G. H. Ruddle, W. V. Carlson, W. P. Holmes, E. W. Smith, G. E. Burch W. T. Dean, A. T. Riddell, H. O'Loughlin, P.Ms.

No. 16, St. Andrew's Toronto. W. Bro. Geo. A. E. Gilbert, W.M. Bro. C. S. Mallett, S.W., Bro. P. L. Fraser, J.W. R. W. Bros. W. C. Wilkins, J. S. Lovell, Geo. Tait, J. Glanville, J. W. Watson, Rev. G. H. Purchase, J. A. Graham, J. H. Dunlop, V.W. Bros. S. M. Sinclair, Wm. Lawrence, A. E. Hagerman, John Pearson, A. Macoomb, F. Dane, L. J. Clark, W. Bros. C. W. I. Woodland, W. T. Giles, F. G. Anderson, E. Y. Spurr, J. R. Bulmer, H. C. Montgomery, S. B. Sinclair, E. F. Walker, W. J. Bolus, J. S. A. Whealy, W. R. Scott, W. F. Ronald, J. C. Kirby.

No. 17, St. John's Cobourg. W. Bro. H. S. Denton, W.M. R. W. Bro. E. J. Wormington, W. Bros. B. Ewing, W. W. Hooley, J. H. Purdy, P.Ms.

No. 18, Prince Edward, Picton. W. Bro. E. E. Vanskiver, W.M. W. Bro. J. H. Colden, P.M.

No. 20, St. John's, London. W. Bro. R. W. Johnson, P.M. and Proxy. R.W. Bro. Thos. Rowe, W. Bro. Neil McGill, P.Ms.

No. 21A, St. John's, Vankleek Hill. W. Bro. G. D. McIntyre, W.M. R.W. Bro. A. D. McRae, V.W. Bro. C. H. Reasbeck, W.M. A. F. Robertson, P.Ms.

No. 22, King Solomon's, Toronto. W. Bro. Thos. Taylor, P.M. and Proxy. R.W. Bro. John Tanner, W. Bros. H. A. Moffatt, R. A. Woodley, E. A. Dolson, Wm. Cooke, W. H. Roberts, D. McDonald, P.Ms.

No. 23, Richmond, Richmond Hill. W. Bro. A. E. Glass, W.M. Bros. A. L. Phipps, S.W. J. R. Herrington, J.W. R.W. Bros. J. H. Dunlop, W. H. Legge, H. A. Nicholls, W. Bros. Geo. B. Newberry, F. J. Graham, T. A. Lamon, H. H. Lang, A. J. Helmkey, J. R. Herrington, T. H. French, A. E. Lehman, L. E. Hand, D. Hill, T. C. Hill, A. R. Metcalfe, W. A. Wright, Geo. Cowie, T. F. McMahon, P.Ms.

No. 24, St. Francis, Smith's Falls. W. Bro. Wilfred Hunter, W.M.

No. 25, Ionic, Toronto. M.W. Bro. D. J. Goggin, R.W. Bro. E. B. Brown, V.W. Bro. G. S. Ryerson, W. Bro. A. D. Armour, P.Ms.

No. 26, Ontario, Port Hope. W. Bro. L. T. Sylvester, W.M. W. Bros. R. W. Smart, F. H. Batty, A. B. Skitch, P.Ms.

No. 27, Strict Observance, Hamilton. W. Bro. G. W. Wigle, W.M. Bro. Rev. G. H. Tebbs, J. W. R.W. Bros. Frank Hills, G. R. Lloyd, P.Ms.

No. 28, Mount Zion, Kemptville. V.W. Bro. S. H. Guest, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 29, United, Brighton. W. Bro. H. C. Rundle, W.M. Bro. R. G. Bird, J.W. R.W. Bro. Rev. E. W. Pickford, W. Bros. G. F. Little, W. Bellamy, P.Ms.

No. 30, Composite, Whitby. W. Bro. F. W. Jones, W.M. Bros. J. M. Short, S. W. W. F. Harden, J.W. R.W. Bro. A. T. Lawler, W. Bros. J. W. Bateman, F. J. Gale, W. M. Jermyn, G. W. P. Every, W. M. VanValkenburg, F. G. Erskine, P.Ms.

No. 31, Jerusalem, Bowmanville. W. Bro. Alex. Elliott, W.M. R.W. Bro. G. C. Bonnycastle, W. Bros. Thos. Annison, Alex. Elliott, Frank Williams, T. G. Bragg, F. F. Morris, P.Ms.

No. 33, Maitland, Goderich. W. Bro. J. J. McEwan, W.M. R.W. Bro. R. J. Megaw, P.M.

No. 35, St. John's Cayuga. W. Bro. J. L. Mitchener, P.M.

No. 37, **King Hiram, Ingersoll.** W. Bro. R. W. Green, W.M.
Bro. A. W. Pow, J.W. R.W. Bro. Geo. Naylor, P.M.

No. 38, **Trent, Trenton.** W. Bro. W. J. Potts, P.M. and Proxy.
R.W. Bro. R. H. Spencer, P.M.

No. 39, **Mount Zion, Brooklin.** W. Bro. O. H. Downey, W.M.
V.W. Bro. E. Snudden, Bro. A. J. Cook, J.W. W. Bros. E. E.
Patterson, Geo. Brown, P.Ms.

No. 40, **St. John's Hamilton.** W. Bro. J. H. Veveridge, W.M.
Bro. E. B. Thompson, S.W. E.W. Bro. Wm. M. Logan, V.W. Bros.
Jas. Gill, J. F. Mercer, W. Bros. C. F. Marshall, W. Birrell, L.
Johnston, F. W. Sprules, A. S. McPherson, D. Turner, P.Ms.

No. 41, **St. George's Kingsville.** Bro. Austin B. Smith, W.M.

No. 42, **St. George's, London.** W. Bro. Wm. R. Lutz, W.M.
Bros. Robt. Syme, L. A. Boss, P.Ms.

No. 43, **King Solomon's, Woodstock.** W. Bro. W. H. Reynolds
W.M. Bro. Geo. Miller, S.W. W. Bro. Chas. Blueman, P.M.

No. 44, **St. Thomas, St. Thomas.** W. Bro. C. S. Gilbert, W.M.
R.W. Bro. T. L. Cochrane, P.M.

No. 45, **Brant, Brantford.** W. Bro. John LeDrew, W.M.
R.W. Bros. G. H. Ryerson, F. Hanna, W. B. Race, W. Bros. C. L.
Gamble, John Lewis, P.Ms.

No. 46, **Wellington, Chatham.** W. Bro. H. J. Stevenson, W.M.
W. Bros. W. N. Sexsmith, J. A. McCallum, P.Ms.

No. 47, **Great Western, Windsor.** W. Bro. A. M. Wright, W.M.
Bros. F. H. Hubbell, S.W. J. A. Campbell, J.W. R. W. Bros.
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No. 622, Lorne, Chaplrau. W. Bro. D. C. Wilson, W.M.

No. 623, Doric, Kirkland Lake. R.W. Bro. F. W. Haynes,
P.M. and Proxy.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME FROM THE CITY LODGES

A deputation from the Craft in Toronto, consisting of the Worshipful Masters of the lodges of the City, was then announced and they were formally received at the Altar. The Masters having been invited to the dais, W. Bro. Harvey McNairn, W.M. of University Lodge,

No. 496, read an Address of Welcome, to which the M.W. the Grand Master responded in fitting terms.

R.W. Bro. Rev. Charles D. Broughton, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York was formally introduced by M.W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and was received with the customary Masonic honors and was given a seat upon the dais.

RECEPTION OF VETERAN MASONS

At the request of the Grand Master, R.W. Bro. A. J. Young presented to the Grand Master and to Grand Lodge a number of Past Masters who had achieved their semi-centennial in Masonry. Among these were M.W. Bro. W. R. White, R.W. Bros. S. S. Clutton, W. C. Wilkinson, J. S. Lovell, Henry Rush, Geo. Tait, J. K. Brydon, C. Rye, V.W. Bros. L. J. Clark, W. H. Hurrell, F. Morrison and W. Bro. Wm. Backhouse.

The Grand Master addressed the deans of the Craft in a few eloquent words, commenting on their long and valued service to Masonry, and invited them to the dais. M.W. Bro. W. R. White responded briefly, for the Veterans, who were received by the other members of Grand Lodge with tumultuous applause.

The Rules of Order were read by the Grand Secretary, who then began to read the minutes of the proceedings of the last Annual Communication, when it was moved by M.W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, seconded by M.W. Bro. W. R. White, and Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings for this Grand Lodge at the Sixty-eighth Annual Communication, held at the City of Toronto on the 18th and 19th days of July, 1923, having been printed and copies thereof having been distributed to the constituent lodges, the same be taken as read and they now be confirmed.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Grand Master directed M.W. Bro. W. D. McPherson to present the Grand Representatives of Foreign Jurisdictions at the Altar where they were accorded the customary honours.

LETTERS OF REGRET

Letters of regret for their inability to be present were read from M.W. Bro. Dudley Ferrell, G.M. of the State of Massachusetts, R.W. Bro. Samuel W. Goodyear, G.M. of the State of Pennsylvania, M.W. Bro. A. P. Shatford, G.M. of Quebec, M.W. Bro. W. J. Major, Grand Master of Manitoba. Also messages of greeting and explanation of their absence from M.W. Bros. W. N. Ponton, K.C., F. W. Harcourt, K.C., W. H. Wardrope, K.C., and R.W. Bros. J. A. Rowland, Jno. S. Martin, W. S. Herrington and P. A. Sommerville.

LETTERS FROM IRELAND

M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland read the following letter, which was received by the members of Grand Lodge with expressions of sincere approval.

18th day of December, 1923

E. T. Malone, Esq.

Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir and R.W... Brothers,

It gives me great pleasure to append a resolution which was passed at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and I would thank you to convey same to the next meeting of your Grand Lodge.

“The Grand Lodge of Ireland directed that their grateful thanks be conveyed to the Grand Lodge of Canada for their most liberal contribution of One Thousand Dollars to the Restoration Fund on behalf of destroyed Masonic Halls throughout Ireland. The Grand Lodge is deeply conscious of the fraternal spirit shown to them by the Grand Lodge of Canada.”

Believe me,

R.W. Sir and Brother,

Yours very faithfully and fraternally,

H. C. SHELLARD,

Grand Secretary.

ADDRESS OF THE M.W. THE GRAND MASTER

The Grand Master then addressed the members:

My Brethren:

The recurrence of our annual communication is an event in the Masonic year, which is looked forward to with keen and special interest as it imparts to us the opportunity of renewing old and lasting associations, of acquiring new friends and agreeable friendships and of cementing the ties that bind us, one to the other.

And especially is this communication a pleasant one as we are meeting again in the City of Toronto where a glad, wholesome and whole-hearted welcome always awaits us. The hospitality extended to us last year was genuine, and unbounded. The hearts of Toronto Masons beat strong and true, and we can carry away with us from the city of Toronto the most pleasant recollections of the masonic hospitality which is always accorded us.

Especially do we greet the scores and hundreds of Worshipful Masters who, for the first time, are mingling with us, and taking part in our deliberations. We hope that their interest may not wane, that their masonic zeal may be intensified and that they may carry back to their lodges some inspiration to those brethren who have not the privilege of attending Grand Lodge.

There are several familiar faces that will be missed at this Communication. Among others, are M.W. Bros. F. W. Harcourt, W. N. Ponton, R.W. Bro. J. A. Rowland and R. W. Bro. W. S. Herrington, who are present in England attending the meeting of the English Bar Association.

I have instructed them to carry a message of fraternal greetings and good wishes to our brethren beyond the seas. We wish our absent brethren a happy holiday and a safe return to their native land.

For the first time in many years, there are no notices of motions to be dealt with at this meeting; in fact our sessions should be characterized by alacrity and despatch in the discussion of the questions that may be presented to us.

DEATH OF M.W. BRO. ROBERTSON

M.W. Bro. Henry Robertson, of Collingwood, passed to the Grand Lodge above on September 21, 1923, at the ripe age of eighty-four years. As he was practically unknown to many of us of the present generation, I am indebted to M.W. Bro. Malone for information regarding his Masonic and professional career.

He was born in the Township of Whitechurch, York County, on May 31st, 1840, was educated at Hamilton Central School, and the Barrie Grammar school. He graduated from Toronto University, receiving the degree of L.L.B. in 1861. The same year he began the practice of Law in Collingwood. He was created a Queen's Counsel in 1890. Up to about a score of years ago, he was a successful practitioner, well versed in law, and was a capital student. His forte, however, was newspaper work; he had the public newspaper editor's instinct, and condensation was his distinctive characteristic. He could put more in one page than the ordinary writer could in half a dozen.

He took a great interest in the public affairs of Collingwood, and held all the offices of distinction in the town.

He was initiated in Manito Lodge No. 90 in 1861, and was Master in 1865 and 1866. He was appointed to the Board of General Purposes in 1867, and continued a member until his death last year, a period of fifty-six years. He was Grand Master in 1886 and 1887. He was one of the most useful members of Grand Lodge during his career, and for a great number of years wrote the Report on Fraternal and Foreign correspondence. He published a Digest on Masonic Jurisprudence which is a recognized Masonic work of great value, and as a Masonic author he was well known in Canada and the United States. We can learn and gather much inspiration from his useful and industrious life. Let us all strive to emulate it.

We have ten Past Grand Masters still with us, and of these, four have reached or passed their four score years.

WARRANTS

In accordance with the resolution of Grand Lodge at its last Communication, Warrants were issued to the following:

Tavistock Lodge, No. 609, Tavistock.

Ashlar Lodge No. 610, Byron.

Huron-Bruce Lodge, No. 611, Toronto.

Birch Cliff Lodge, No. 612, Birch Cliff.

Fort Erie Lodge, No. 613, Fort Erie.

Adanac Lodge, No. 614, Merritton.

Dominion Lodge, No. 615, Ridgeway.

Perfection Lodge, No. 616, St. Catharines.

North Bay Lodge, No. 617, North Bay.

Thunder Bay Lodge, No. 618, Port Arthur.

Runnymede Lodge, No. 619, Toronto.

Bay of Quinte Lodge, No. 620, Toronto.

Dispensations have continued to the following:

Frontenac Lodge, U.D., Sharbot Lake.

Lorne Lodge, U.D., Chapleau.

Doric Lodge, U.D., Kirkland Lake.

NEW LODGES

A dispensation was granted for a New Lodge, Dereham Lodge, U.D., at Mount Elgin.

CORNER STONES

The corner stone of the Masonic Temple at Weston, Saturday, June 7, 1924, was laid by M.W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt. The corner stone of the U. E. Loyalist Memorial Building at Belleville was laid on Tuesday, June 17th, 1924, by M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton.

Owing to previous engagements I was unable to preside at these functions, and I am deeply indebted to Bros. Harcourt and Ponton for their kindness in officiating in my stead.

Two proposed new lodges, one at Sault Ste. Marie, and one at Pelee Island, have been returned to the petitioners for completion of necessary information and details. A petition for a new lodge at Emo is referred to the committee on warrants.

CONSECRATIONS

Thunder Bay Lodge, No. 618, Port Arthur, by M.W. Bro. W. J. Drope, Grand Master, on Thursday, August 30th, 1923.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 610, Byron, by M.W. Bro. W. J. Drope, Grand Master, on Monday, September 10th, 1923.

Dominion Lodge, No. 615, Ridgeway, by M.W. Bro. W. J. Drope, Grand Master, on Monday, September 17th, 1923.

Tavistock Lodge, No. 609, Tavistock, by R.W. Bro. John Stevenson, D.D.G.M., on Tuesday, September 25th, 1923.

North Bay Lodge, No. 617, North Bay, by R.W. Bro. W. A. Simpson, D.D.G.M., on Friday, October 5th, 1923.

Fort Erie Lodge, No. 613, Fort Erie, by R.W. Bro. A. B. Damude, on Tuesday, October 16th, 1923.

Adanac Lodge, No. 614, Merritton, by M.W. Bro. W. J. Drope, Grand Master, on Thursday, October 16th, 1923.

Perfection Lodge, No. 616, St. Catharines, by M.W. Bro. W. J. Drope, Grand Master, on Monday, October 29th, 1923.

Bay of Quinte Lodge, No. 620, Toronto, by M.W. Bro. Wm. N. Ponton, Past Grand Master, on Friday, November 16th, 1923.

Huron-Bruce Lodge, No. 611, Toronto, by M.W. Bro. W. J. Drope, Grand Master, on Monday, November 19th, 1923.

Birch Cliff Lodge, No. 612, Birch Cliff, by R.W. Bro. R. J. Shier, D.D.G.M., on Friday, November 23rd, 1923.

Runnymede Lodge, No. 619, Toronto, by M.W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, on Wednesday, November 28th, 1923.

DEDICATIONS

Ashlar Lodge, No. 610, Byron, by M.W. Bro. W. J. Drope, Grand Master, on Monday, September 10th, 1923.

Dominion Lodge, No. 615, Ridgeway, by M.W. Bro. W. J. Drope, Grand Master, on Monday, September 17th, 1923.

Tavistock Lodge, No. 609, Tavistock, by R.W. Bro. John Stevenson, D.D.G.M., on Tuesday, September 25th, 1923.

Haileybury Lodge, No. 485, Haileybury, by R.W. Bro. Jas. Paterson, D.D.G.M., on Thursday, October 4th, 1923.

Fort Erie Lodge, No. 613, Fort Erie, by R.W. Bro. A. B. Damude, D.D.G.M., on Tuesday, October 16th, 1923.

Merritt Lodge, No. 168, and Copestone Lodge No. 383, Welland, by M.W. Bro. W. J. Drope, Grand Master, on Monday, October 22nd, 1923.

Adanac Lodge, No. 614, Merritton, by M.W. Bro. W. J. Drope, Grand Master, on Thursday, October 25th, 1923.

Milverton Lodge, No. 478, Milverton, by R.W. Bro. John Stevenson, D.D.G.M., on Monday, May 12th, 1924.

Westport Lodge, No. 441, Westport, by R.W. Bro. J. G. Fennel, D.D.G.M., on Tuesday, April 29th, 1924.

Minerva Lodge, No. 304, Stroud, by R.W. Bro. W. N. Duff, D.D.G.M., on Tuesday, February 10th, 1924.

The Kingston Masonic Temple, Kingston, by M.W. W. J. Drope, Grand Master, on Wednesday, December 12th, 1923.

Adoniram Lodge, No. 573, Niagara Falls, by M.W. Bro. W. J. Drope, Grand Master, on Wednesday, Dec. 15th, 1923.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 126, Campbellford, by M.W. Bro. W. J. Drope, Grand Master, on Friday, December 28th, 1923.

Dundalk Lodge, No. 449, Dundalk, by M.W. Bro. W. J. Drope, Grand Master, on Wednesday, June 25th, 1924.

Forest Lodge, No. 393, Chesley, by R.W. Bro. Geo. Sirrs, D.D.G.M., on Friday, May 16th, 1924.

Durham Lodge, No. 306, Durham, by R.W. Bro. W. G. Blackwell, D.D.G.M., on Tuesday, May 27th, 1924.

Maxville Lodge, No. 418, Maxville, by R.W. Bro. C. F. Whittaker, D.D.G.M., on Friday, May 30th, 1924.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Vacancies have occurred in our Grand Lodge Representatives which I have filled as follows: The District of Columbia, M.W. Bro. W. J. Drope; Guatemala, R.W. Bro. James Dixon, Hamilton; Peru, R.W. Bro. F. C. Bonycastle, Campbellford.

APPOINTMENTS

At the consecration of Huron-Bruce Lodge, on Monday, November 19th, 1923, I had the honour and

privilege of appointing V.W. Bro. Sir William Otter a Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

DISPENSATIONS

I have issued four hundred and thirty dispensations during the year. These have been granted for the holding of divine service, At Homes, change of day or hour of meeting, holding of installation or election on a irregular day, and permission to initiate men physically imperfect.

BY-LAWS

I have confirmed twenty-one complete sets of by-laws, and the amendments in by-laws of one hundred and six lodges.

STATISTICS

A comparison of our receipts and expenditure between this year and last may prove of interest. Our receipts from lodges last year were One Hundred and Twenty-two Thousand Dollars; this year One Hundred and Twenty-four Thousand Dollars. The interest on investments last year was Twenty-two Thousand Dollars; this year Twenty-two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars. Last year we paid out for general purposes the sum of Thirty-one Thousand Dollars; this year, including extra printing which amounted to Four Thousand Dollars, Thirty-six Thousand Dollars.

Our assets last year were Four Hundred Thousand Dollars; this year Four Hundred and Four Thousand Dollars; in addition to this, from a statement supplied me by the Grand Treasurer, we had on May 31, 1924, a balance of Eighteen Thousand, Two Hundred and Eighty-one Dollars, and Eleven Cents in the bank.

Our membership last year was One Hundred Thousand. This year's estimate is one hundred and three thousand.

SPECIAL GRANTS

Last Autumn I authorized a grant of \$1,000 towards the relief of the sufferers in Japan in consequence of the earthquakes. I hope that this may meet with your approval.

M.W. Bro. Malone received a communication from the Grand Lodge of Ireland which he has kindly handed me:

17th day of December, 1923.

My dear Bro. Malone:

At the recent communication of the Grand Lodge of Ireland a resolution was passed thanking the Grand Lodge of Canada for their more than generous contribution to the fund which has been inaugurated by our Grand Master to rebuild and repair Lodges in this jurisdiction which have suffered in the recent rebellion. The Grand Secretary is forwarding a copy of this resolution to you as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, at the Grand Lodge of Canada. It is the wish of our Grand Lodge that you should, if possible, read or communicate this resolution in Open Lodge. We want our Canadian Brethren to be in no doubt about our profound gratitude for their splendid munificence, and fraternal goodwill, and I was specially requested to see that everything was done which could assure them of our gratitude.

So far I have written as an Irish Mason.

As the Representative here of Canada, I wish to inform you that no announcement made at a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ireland was in my time ever received with greater enthusiasm than the news from the Chair, of the sympathy that the Grand Lodge of Canada had shown to us in our troubles. Far more than the generous gift of money, the earlier message of fraternal sympathy, and the offer to stand by us in our need appealed to all who were present in Lodge, and it seemed as if the cheers would never stop. Tell your brethren this from me, as their proud representative here.

With all best wishes to you and yours, to the Grand Lodge which I am proud to represent, and to my Canadian brethren.

Yours very fraternally,

GERALD FITZGIBBON.

The Resolution is as follows:

“The Grand Lodge of Ireland directed that their grateful thanks be conveyed to the Grand Lodge of Canada for their most liberal contribution of One Thousand Dollars, to the Restoration fund on behalf of destroyed Masonic Halls throughout Ireland. The Grand Lodge is deeply conscious of the fraternal spirit shown to them by the Grand Lodge of Canada.

I am pleased to report that our brethren in Ireland, after being subjected to all sorts of indignities, especially in the matter of desecration of their Lodge rooms, have at last been restored to a fair measure of peace and harmony, and that Masonic affairs in Ireland have been restored to normalcy.

BENEVOLENCE

Your attention will be directed at this meeting to the presentation of the report of the committee appointed at Port Arthur two years ago, to discuss the extension of our Benevolence in other channels than heretofore. The question was ably brought forward by M.W. Bro. Ponton in his address, and a strong committee was appointed to discuss, not only the question of a Home, Hospital and School, but also report on our whole system of distribution of Benevolence. I hope that your deliberations may lead to an extension of our Benevolence in keeping with our great fraternity and the principles which it promulgates.

There is an outstanding and imminent need of better provision for the care of our aged brethren and the widows of our deceased brethren. During the past year I was made aware of the fact that two of our beneficiaries had been placed in Roman Catholic institutions, where they are being tenderly cared for. I have received two letters from brethren who wished to know if the Masons had an institution where they might spend their declining years, as they had no one but strangers to care for them. I have heard of several cases of brethren in the same condition who are not living in desirable surroundings.

We are not doing our full duty as Masons when we allow those brethren who have borne the burden and

heat of the day, and who, in the years that have been relegated to the almost forgotten past, have kept the torch of Masonry alight, to spend their sunset years under circumstances that are undesirable and unsatisfactory. It is our duty, and should be our pleasure, to see that no aged brother is allowed to spend his declining years in poverty or distress.

There are also several of our orphans who are not being cared for and educated under favorable circumstances. Some extra effort on our part is necessary to improve conditions. No doubt much can be done by the constituent lodges in looking after the orphans of deceased brethren. I commend to your serious consideration the plan that has been adopted by Brant Lodge, Brantford. When a brother dies and leaves a widow and children, or motherless children, one of the members of the Lodge is appointed a guardian of the family. It is his duty, with the support of the Lodge, to administer the affairs of the family, attend to their needs and make frequent reports to the lodge of their living conditions. I feel that no more desirable method of caring for our beneficiaries can be devised, and I would recommend this plan as a most satisfactory one, and worthy of the most thoughtful consideration.

Permit me to offer another suggestion. Could not some of our prosperous lodges—lodges with five hundred or more members, act as foster-parents to our orphans?

There are many lodges in our jurisdiction that could undertake this work without any great financial strain. No nobler work could be undertaken than the care and education of a neglected child.

And in connection with the question of Benevolence, I wish to give expression to my appreciation of the splendid work being accomplished by our veteran Inspector, R.W. Bro. Nixon. Years seem to sit but lightly upon him, and he has been ever vigilant in his work.

We have now more than six hundred beneficiaries and the half-yearly cheque gladdens many a heart and renders financial assistance to many who are in real need. During the year just closed we have distributed One

Hundred Thousand Dollars to our needy dependents, and at least Fifty Thousand more has been distributed by the constituent lodges. The attention of some of the Lodges is directed to the misunderstanding that is gaining ground that Grand Lodge should furnish all the funds for benevolence. This is a mistaken idea. The grants made by Grand Lodge are only supplementary, and the onus of providing for our beneficiaries should fall on the constituent lodges. No grant should be made by Grand Lodge unless an equally substantial amount is subscribed by the constituent lodge of which the beneficiary is a member.

A motion was passed at our annual meeting in 1922 establishing a Benevolent Fund of Two Thousand Dollars to be called the Emergency Benevolent Fund, to be paid out at the discretion of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary and the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence. This is an example of motions that are being written and passed without discussion, in the dying moments of the Grand Lodge Communication. They are often characterized by vagueness of interpretation and when analyzed do not meet the circumstances or the wishes of Grand Lodge. The one referred to does not incorporate in its wording whether the grant was only for one year, or was intended to continue each year following. It also defeats the purpose of quick action in cases where immediate aid is required. In fact, it adds three names to the list of approvers in the persons of the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer. Under these circumstances, immediate and prompt action is impossible. I would recommend that this resolution be rescinded, and that a new resolution be passed which will refer all cases where an emergency exists to the Grand Master and the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence and that the allowance be continued from year to year. I have found a few cases during the year which have been delayed owing to our cumbersome machinery.

LIBRARIES, READING ROOMS AND MASONIC QUARTERS

In the further advancement of Masonic knowledges I wish to recommend the establishment of reading rooms,

and libraries in connection with the Lodge quarters. Many of our initiates are not receiving the necessary education in Masonic symbolism, traditions, history and principles which is their due. Every Lodge should have a reading room, a trysting place, where instruction may be given by well-skilled brethren, and where they may drink deep at the fountains of knowledge that is to be found in the various Masonic books and publications which can be secured at moderate prices. Every Lodge should have in its library a copy of each year's proceedings of Grand Lodge. There is a wealth of information in the annual report, and especially would I draw your attention to the Review of Foreign correspondence. We find therein a resumé of the work being done in foreign jurisdictions, and the excerpts from Grand Master's addresses are well worthy of our perusal. How many brethren ever read or even see the Grand Lodge Reports? Very few, I fear. What becomes of them? I know not. These reports will make a splendid nucleus for a Masonic library.

I am glad to observe that many Lodges are improving their Lodge quarters. For the information of the brethren in the cities and large towns who are contemplating a new Masonic home, I would suggest that before undertaking the project they visit the beautiful, commodious, and convenient home of the Kingston Masons. For the smaller towns, an inspection of the quarters of Mountain Lodge, Thorold, would be advantageous; and for the villages, the masons of Dundalk Lodge, Dundalk, are to be commended for the enterprise they have displayed in making their home comfortable and spacious.

VISITS

I have visited seventy lodges during the year. It is impossible and unwise to give a detailed report of each visit; but two of these, at least, are worthy of special mention:

On November 1, 1923, in response to the invitation of M.W. Bro. Price, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia and the Committee in charge of the construction of the monument that is being erected at Alexandria,

Virginia, to the memory of George Washington, the man and the Mason, I was accorded the opportunity of participating in the laying of the corner stone, a highly interesting and impressive function.

This magnificent conception has been in the hearts and minds of our brethren across the border for many years. Every Mason in the United States has had the privilege of contributing towards the fund for the erection of the monument; and the success of the project is in a great measure due to Louis A. Watres, President of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and to M.W. Bro. Charles H. Callahan, who has recently become G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

The monument itself is located on Shooter's Hill, a lofty eminence overlooking the Potomac River, the City of Washington, and Mt. Vernon, the home of George Washington. The land on which it is being built was part of the large estate owned by the first President. The structure has been designated the finest Masonic Memorial ever erected to any man. It is 230 feet in length, 160 feet in breadth, and 200 feet in height. It is to be built entirely of granite, of classical architecture and when completed, will cost \$4,000,000. The monument itself will contain a Memorial Hall, a room wherein will be placed the famous Washington relics, an auditorium with a seating capacity of twelve hundred, and a replica of the old Alexandria Washington Lodge, No. 22, of which Washington was Master in 1788. In addition to these, there will be a library, a museum, and art gallery.

The laying of the corner stone was under the auspices and direction of the Grand Lodge of Virginia which held a session in the old lodge room of Washington-Alexandria Lodge. There were thirty Grand Masters and scores of Past Grand Masters present. M.W. Bro. Shatford of Quebec and myself were the only Grand Masters from foreign jurisdictions. We were introduced together, and cordially received. There were twenty thousand masons in the procession, and among the distinguished participants in the function were President Coolidge and ex-President Taft. M.W. Bro. Shatford

and myself were accorded the honour, along with other Grand Masters of the different American Grand Lodges, of spreading our bit of cement on the corner stone, using for the purpose, the small trowel that was presented to, and used by Washington on the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of the National Capitol in 1793.

In the evening, a complimentary banquet attended by a thousand Masons was given in honour of the visiting brethren, at which inspiring addresses were delivered by eminent Masons from different parts of the United States.

The hospitality extended to the visitors and guests was unbounded, and many warm and lasting international friendships were formed. Permit me to quote from the Capitol News Service. "Washington loved Masonry. He was master of his Lodge. He was no mere Lodge member; he worked for it, quoted it, lived its principles. What Washington found good, no lesser man can afford to ignore. It is, therefore, most fitting that when the Masons of this country unite to honour him, the country as a whole evaluate their great building for what it is; not only a tribute to the man and mason, but a great stimulus for patriotism, the creation of a new National Shrine, where generations yet unborn may stand and absorb some of the inspiration which was Washington's."

This quotation contains the moral of the whole splendid achievement.

On Wednesday, May 12st, I attended a meeting of Brant Lodge, Brantford, the occasion being the initiation of the eight Humble brothers. According to our constitution, not more than five candidates may be initiated in one day, except by special dispensation of the Grand Master. The circumstances were so unique that I gladly issued the dispensation.

The lodge was opened promptly at 1.00 p.m. and before calling off at 6 o'clock, seven of the candidates had been initiated. The oldest brother was initiated in the evening before a large number of brethren. The initiation of eight members of one family in one day is surely a record in the annals of Canadian, if not world, Freemasonry.

The Humble brothers range in age from twenty-one to forty-one, and are of English parentage. Most of them were born in the Falkland Islands, but the family has lived in Brantford for twenty years.

At the banquet Mr. and Mrs. Humble were the honoured guests. In response to the toast to the candidates, tribute was paid by the sons to the father and mother who had trained them in habits of industry, integrity, honour and truthfulness; and in fact, in all the virtues which co-operate to make them fit and proper persons to be made Masons.

INTER-LODGE VISITS

This is a custom which is growing with the years, and one of which all should heartily approve. It creates an esprit de corps among the officers that encourages them towards perfection in their work; it gives the opportunity of making new acquaintances and renewing old associations; it stimulates the attendance of members and in any ways immeasurable benefits are derived.

Several visits have been made during the year by various lodges to lodges in foreign jurisdictions. These are also highly commendable and desirable as they exert an influence on international and interprovincial amity which is worthy of stimulation and cultivation.

I was honoured on several occasions by invitations to accompany the brethren on these visits but on account of the pressure of duties, I was unable to accept.

MASONIC OFFENCES

It is found that there is too much leniency extended to Masons who are guilty of criminal offences. This shows either a spirit of indifference, or a readiness to conceal or forgive crimes which should not be tolerated. The constitution is clear on the question of crime. A Masonic trial should be inaugurated and if the brother is found guilty, expulsion should follow.

Masons are not perfect men. Among our hundred thousand, there are sure to be some "black sheep"; but in order to preserve our order pure and unsullied, it should be purged of all offenders against the laws of God or man.

Immorality in every form must be banished from our Lodges. Our laws must be enforced. He who violates the laws of God or the State must be expelled from the body of Masonry. See to it, my brethren, that Masonry means something in your community. Guard well the outer door. Let no unworthy man be admitted. If you are in doubt, give the lodge, give Masonry the benefit of that doubt. The standard of Masonry must not be lowered. The institution of which we are so proud must not suffer from unworthy members. At all hazards, and under all circumstances, let us purify our Lodges, that they may, with God's blessing, become beacon lights for humanity.

LODGE SUMMONSES

My attention has been drawn to the different forms of summonses which are being issued by the constituent lodges. Several of them are altogether too elaborate and contain information which is not of especial interest to the members.

A lodge summons should, in my opinion, contain only a summary of the business to be transacted and the degrees to be conferred. It should not contain lectures on Masonic topics, nor sensational and extraordinary dissertations on the entertainment of the so-called fourth degree.

Many lodges send out notices of meetings in unsealed envelopes. This practice is reprehensible. It is false economy to have our activities exposed in this manner. Surely there is not a lodge in the jurisdiction which is not financially able to pay the postage on sealed envelopes.

MASONIC BUREAUS

I cannot speak too highly of the splendid work being done by Masonic bureaus where they have been established. These bureaus act as clearing houses for the different lodges in the cities in which the bureaus are situated. I would suggest that bureaus be established in all cities and towns where two or more lodges are situated. They are the greatest safeguards in large centres against impostors and undesirable applicants.

MASONIC EDUCATION

This is a subject which is engrossing the attention of many of our more enlightened members. The study of the philosophy, symbolism, history and traditions of Masonry is an inexhaustible one, and much good work is being done, especially in the larger centres towards the advancement of Masonic knowledge. There is an untold wealth of information to be obtained in the various works on Free-masonry which are within the reach of every member in price. I recommend that once a year, at least, a capable student of Masonic research be invited to address the lodge on some Masonic subject of interest.

Masonry should be educative. Its study broadens the mind and sharpens the intellectual faculties. We must not hide our light under a bushel, but we must be ready and willing when occasion arises to give not only of our substance, but also impart intellectual light and knowledge to our younger and more inexperienced brethren.

I hope I may be pardoned if I make the suggestion that all lodges or the masters of lodges, should have available at all times, a standard pronouncing dictionary. There are a number of words in our ritual and ceremonies that are frequently mispronounced. A recognized dictionary would settle all disputes and controversies which frequently arise. I am speaking from personal experience on the question of pronunciation. Please do not accuse me of pedagogical pedantry. Let culture and correctness be our aim in all our lectures and ceremonies.

A WARNING

By reference to copies of the proceedings of previous years, I find that in the last eight years the Masonic membership of Ontario has doubled. This is a state of affairs which demands our attention and is unworthy of boastful comment. The majority of the recent additions to our numbers are young men of buoyant spirits and youthful enthusiasm, who are perhaps unconsciously, and unwittingly, apt to overstep the bounds of Masonic propriety owing to their lack of knowledge of our ancient customs and landmarks. The steadying influence of the

older and more experienced brethren under such conditions is most necessary and helpful. Masonic zeal must be tempered by discretion, and direction, and it is the bounden duty of our older and more experienced members to see that Masonic zeal is directed into proper channels and that our ancient customs and usages are properly safe-guarded. More especially is their advice, instruction and counsel required at our regular meetings, in the methods of procedure, and at the banquet table, where the freedom from the restraint of the Lodge room has a tendency to lead to frivolity and indiscretion.

A lack of experience on the part of a young Master has been brought to my attention recently. The occasion was a Masonic funeral which the brethren attended in regalia. Two of the pall-bearers were Masons and the other four did not belong to the order. This is the second time that an occurrence of this nature has taken place in the locality. It is scarcely conceivable that a master of a Lodge should countenance this procedure, and I wish to issue the warning that such violations of correct methods cannot be tolerated.

During the three years of the post-war period a feverish anxiety took possession of the young men of our province to join the Masonic order. This desire was not confined to the province of Ontario, but extended throughout the Anglo-Saxon world. The popularity of Masonry was reflected on the Lodges. They vied with each other in making records for initiations. The records of 1922 and 1923 expose the tragedy. In 1922, 1,158 members resigned, and 957 were suspended for non-payment of dues. In 1923, 1,202 resigned, and 1,005 were suspended for non-payment. These were chiefly members who joined the Order during the boom years after the war. I can only repeat and endorse what everyone of my predecessors in office has advocated, namely—guard well the portals. Numbers are unimportant but the quality of the membership is of vital importance to our Masonic fabric.

QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS

The office of Master of a lodge is one of great importance and requires of the incumbent vastly more than the ability to learn the ritual and confer the degrees.

The welfare of the lodge is in his keeping and its success or failure is in proportion to the wisdom and discretion with which he manages its affairs. A knowledge of Masonic law as practised in our jurisdiction is essential. No one should accept the office of Master of a Masonic Lodge unless he has a fairly good knowledge of Masonic law and parliamentary procedure, and is determined by study and research to be in reality what he is in name, Master of his Lodge. The means are within the reach of all; all that is required is energy and application. The Wardens, who may be required in the absence of the Master to succeed to his duties, should feel that their responsibility in this matter is as great as the Master's. In a great measure, it is the fault of the Lodge and its members if the government is faulty. No one should be elected to the East who has not shown that he possesses the necessary qualifications for that important position. A poor Warden or Senior Deacon will never make a good Master. A good Warden or Senior Deacon may not have the necessary qualifications for a good Master. For this reason, the system of regular promotion, regardless of qualifications, should be at least modified, remembering that merit is the just title to our privileges. I know of cases where a year's apprenticeship in the kitchen is necessary to gain the coveted office of Junior Steward.

It is also of equal importance that the Secretary be a man fitted for his peculiar position. While the Master should have a judicial mind, and executive ability, the Secretary should be one who is careful and correct in detail work. Records of meetings should be full, impartial and absolutely correct. All reports of committees should be recorded and placed on file, as no one knows when they may prove of the greatest importance. The changing of Secretaries from year to year is an unwise policy and should be entirely abolished. A well-skilled and earnest Past Master is the member who should fill the position.

SALE OF SO-CALLED WORKS

My attention has been called to the sale of so called "works," particularly in the City of Toronto. This should be discountenanced and the offenders, both vendors and purchasers, and especially the former, should be severely dealt with. No protestations of innocence should

be accepted or tolerated. The man who commercializes Masonry in this manner is unworthy of bearing the honoured name of Mason.

PAST MASTERS' ASSOCIATION

I am glad to note that several new Past Master's Associations have been organized, or are in the process of formation. I hope that this may continue, as the educational advantages and derived benefits of the meetings are of incalculable value to the members.

Why should there not be a Past Master's Association in every district? The meetings might be held twice a year, and men of high Masonic attainments be secured to deliver addresses on Masonic subjects of interest. Uniformity of the work in all its details could be encouraged, new and valued friendships made, and an added interest would result from the meeting together and interchanging ideas.

The Past Masters are the bone and sinew of the Lodge. The Lodge where the Past Masters are not active is usually a dull and lifeless assembly. Their presence is necessary at Lodge meetings to give direction and advice, to impart a steadying influence and to encourage the younger brethren to emulate their predecessors. I thoroughly believe that untold benefit might be derived to the cause of masonry, especially in the country districts, if Past Masters' Associations were formed. Which country district will be the first to lead?

CONCLUSION

I have endeavoured in my imperfect way to give you my opinions and experiences which I have formed and gleaned during the past year. I believe that Masonry in our jurisdiction is established on a firm and solid foundation, and that it is a powerful influence for good in our country.

Harmony, prosperity, and progress have put their seal upon our beloved institution, and all goes well. I have had but very few disputes to settle, and in most

cases, I have found that the brethren are willing and anxious to settle their differences amicably. Never before have we found so great a disposition to help each other, to relieve suffering humanity, as we have to-day, and we can confidently look forward to the future. In the strenuous times through which we are passing, in our periods of dejection and despair, we are apt to think, and even to say, that this is a cruel and selfish world, filled with heartless citizens; but such is not the case. For all good fellows this is a world filled with good people of both sexes.

Let us be cheerful, and stoutly refuse to look upon the dark side of life. World conditions must change for the better. Let us, in the meantime, keep our temper, preserve our faith, cultivate the habit of smiling and give up the habit of despairing. We Canadians are a good humoured, peace-loving, self-sacrificing race of people. We hate violence and cruelty. We all want to settle down to a peaceful, contented life after these years of world turmoil and strife. These characteristics have been handed down to us from our ancestors, those sturdy pioneers who hewed out homes for themselves in the primeval forests of Ontario. We have a mission in this world. Let us prove worthy of the trust. This is a good world. Let us all strive to make it better.

I cannot close without a word of thanks and appreciation for the many kindnesses I have received during the year. To R.W. Bro. Rowland, D.G.M. who has been ever willing to assist me and act as my substitute when called upon; to the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Logan, for his valued instructions and assistance; to M.W. Bros. Malone and Burritt for their prompt and kindly counsel and advice on many occasions; to the District Deputies for the splendid and efficient work they have accomplished during the year; and to masters and members of the Craft as a whole for many kindnesses received on my official visits. I shall ever bear in sweet remembrance the warm and kindly greetings and the unbounded hospitality that has been accorded to me by the brethren throughout the jurisdiction.

W. J. DROPE,
Grand Master.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M.W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and Resolved: That the address of the M.W. the Grand Master be referred to a Special Committee of all the Past Grand Masters, to report thereon.

REPORTS OF THE GRAND TREASURER AND THE GRAND SECRETARY

The Grand Treasurer, M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, presented their annual reports.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A.F.&A.M., of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

I herewith submit a statement of the receipts and disbursements and investment accounts of the Grand Lodge for the year ended 31st May, 1924.

GENERAL ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

To balance at credit of the account in the Canadian Bank of Commerce on the 31st day of May, 1923.....	\$13,883 63	
Received from Grand Secretary from Lodges.....	124,268 50	
Interest on Investments	16,464 33	
Interest on Bank Deposits.....	702 16	
Debentures Matured:		
Brockville.....	632 39	
Hamilton.....	2,000 00	
Berlin.....	1,412 77	
	4,045 16	
		\$159,363 78

DISBURSEMENTS

General charges.....	\$37,225 29	
Benevolent Orders.....	97,550 00	
Japanese Relief Fund.....	1,000 00	
Purchase Township of Barton Bonds.....	5,307 38	
	\$141,082 67	
Balance on deposit in Canadian Bank of Commerce on May 31st, 1924.....	19,910 89	
Less outstanding Cheques.....	1,629 78	
	18,281 11	
		\$159,363 78

All of which is fraternally submitted,

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer

Audited and found correct,

HARRY VIGEON, F. C. A.
Auditor.

Toronto, 18th June, 1924.

DISBURSEMENTS

1923			
June	2—	Bell Telephone Company.....	\$6 28
		Newsome & Gilbert.....	6 00
		W. R. Crockett & Son.....	38 14
		Robt. Raw & Co.....	37 36
		Incidentals.....	300 00
		W. R. Crockett & Son.....	19 33
		Robt. Raw & Co.....	1,618 30
		Robt. Duncan & Co.....	79 87
		Howell Lithographing Co.....	318 73
		Bell Telephone Company.....	6 28
		Rent.....	250 00
		Grand Secretary.....	1,250 00
		Grand Treasurer.....	75 00
		Auditor.....	150 00
		Chief Clerk.....	250 00
		Stenographer.....	166 66
		Clerk.....	150 00
July	24—	Grand Lodge of Ireland.....	1,000 00
		Board of General Purposes.....	4,000 00
		Wm. N. Ponton.....	500 00
		W. J. Drope.....	750 00
		Thomas Rowe.....	75 00
		Thomas Rowe.....	20 00
		John A. Rowland.....	125 00
		John A. Rowland.....	20 00
		J. B. Nixon.....	400 00
		Bell Telephone Company.....	6 28
		The Maccoomb Press.....	164 91
		Gibb Paper Box Co.....	30 30
		Chancey Ashley.....	12 50
		Robt. Raw & Co.....	33 40
		Robt. Duncan Co.....	6 00
		W. R. Crockett & Son.....	14 37
		E. T. Malone.....	13 62
		Canadian Passenger Association.....	15 00
		W. J. Fearman.....	21 75
		C. H. Deardon.....	15 00
		Chief Clerk.....	250 00
		Stenographer.....	166 66
		Clerk.....	150 00
Aug.	4—	Rev. R. C. Blgrave.....	150 00
		Incidentals.....	300 00
		Bell Telephone Company.....	6 28
	31—	Chief Clerk.....	250 00
		Stenographer.....	166 66
		Clerk.....	15 00
Sept.	14—	Hugh Murray.....	27 53
		Robt Duncan Co.....	7 05
		Howell Lithographing Co.....	52 25
		Payne & Hardy.....	27 53
		R. F. Richardson.....	10 00
		Robt Raw & Co.....	18 55
	25—	Ambrose Kent & Sons.....	10 45

		Robt Duncan Co.....	21 04
		Robt. Raw & Co.....	22 99
		J. B. Nixon.....	300 00
		Bell Telephone Company.....	6 28
		Rent.....	250 00
		Grand Treasurer.....	75 00
		Auditor.....	150 00
		Grand Secretary.....	1,500 00
		Chief Clerk.....	250 00
		Stamp on cheque No. 456.....	02
Sept.	25—	Stenographer.....	166 66
		Clerk.....	150 00
Oct.	31—	Bell Telephone Company.....	6 28
		Incidentals.....	300 00
		Chief Clerk.....	250 00
		Stenographer.....	166 66
		Clerk.....	150 00
		Robt. Raw & Co.....	42 92
		Burton-Baldwin Co.....	459 80
	26—	W. J. Drope.....	150 00
		W. R. Crockett.....	54 86
		Wm. Bruce.....	30 00
		John Connon & Co.....	20 60
		Thos. Lees.....	2 00
		Office Specialty Co.....	27 17
		Railway Guide.....	5 00
		Messrs. Harte & Lyne.....	54 51
		Spencer & Co.....	191 00
Nov.	15—	J. B. Nixon.....	300 00
		Bell Telephone Company.....	6 28
		Chief Clerk.....	250 00
		Stenographer.....	166 66
		Clerk.....	150 00
		Postage on Proceedings.....	214 00
Dec.	31—	Grand Treasurer.....	75 00
		Auditor.....	150 00
		Grand Secretary.....	1,500 00
		Chief Clerk.....	250 00
		Stenographer.....	166 66
		Clerk.....	150 00
		Rent.....	250 00
		Bell Telephone Company.....	6 28
		W. R. Crockett.....	39 00
		Robt. Raw Co.....	7 05
		Howell Lithographing Company.....	342 28
		R. B. Cheyne.....	27 54
		Robt. Duncan Co.....	2,514 92
1924		W. N. Ponton, Testimonial.....	500 00
Jan.	31—	Incidentals.....	300 00
		Bell Telephone Company.....	6 28
		Chief Clerk.....	250 00
		Stenographer.....	166 66
		Clerk.....	150 00
Feb.	1—	J. B. Nixon.....	200 00
		Chancey Ashley.....	12 50

		Griffin and Richmond Co.....	130 85
		Robt. Raw & Co.....	1,600 00
		Robt. Duncan Co.....	38 50
		W. J. Drope.....	750 00
		W. J. Drope.....	150 00
		Bell Telephone Company.....	6 28
		Chief Clerk.....	250 00
		Stenographer.....	166 66
		F. J. Brown.....	150 00
Mar	20—	Lyman Lee.....	84 70
		Thos. Lees.....	29 75
		Robt. Duncan Co.....	15 45
		Griffin & Richmond.....	23 06
		Robinson & McKay.....	12 50
		Stainton, Downey & Evis.....	2 15
		Robt. Raw & Co.....	2,161 85
		Jno. A. Rowland.....	125 00
		Grand Treasurer.....	75 00
		Auditor.....	150 00
		Grand Secretary.....	1,500 00
		Chief Clerk.....	250 00
		Stenographer.....	166 66
		Clerk.....	150 00
		Rent.....	250 00
		Bell Telephone Company.....	6 28
		Incidentals.....	300 00
April	25—	Robt. Duncan Co.....	18 54
		Ambrose Kent & Sons.....	26 50
		Wm. Bruce.....	7 50
		Griffin & Richmond.....	9 18
		Robt. Raw & Co.....	45 05
		W. R. Crockett.....	38 43
		J. B. Nixon.....	458 78
		Chief Clerk.....	250 00
		Stenographer.....	166 66
		Clerk.....	150 00
		Bell Telephone Co.....	6 28
May	2—	Murray & Co.....	5,307 38
	21—	Thos. Rowe.....	75 00
	26—	Robt. Duncan Co.....	8 50
		Robt. Raw & Co.....	132 30
		Griffin & Richmond.....	32 38
		Bell Telephone Company.....	6 28
		Chief Clerk.....	250 00
		Stenographer.....	166 74
		Clerk.....	150 00
	31—	Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	40 00
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			\$42,532 67
		Benevolent Orders.....	\$97,550 00
		Japanese Relief Fund.....	1,000 00
		Balance on deposit May 31, 1924.....	\$19,910 89
		Less outstanding cheques per list.....	1,629 79
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			\$159,363 78

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Statement of Assets at May 31st, 1924.

Securities	Rate of Interest		Cost Value	Face Value
	Bear	Yield		
Dominion of Canada War Loan.....	5½	5½	\$ 50,500 00	\$ 50,500 00
Dominion of Canada War Loan.....	5½	6¼	4,650 00	5,000 00
Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	5½	5½	26,000 00	26,000 00
Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	5¾	5¾	10,000 00	10,000 00
Landed Banking & Loan Company.....	6	6	5,000 00	5,000 00
Barton, Township of.....	5½	5.2	5,223 00	5,000 00
Berlin, Town of.....	5	5	1,483 42	1,483 42
Brandon, City of.....	5	4¾	2,116 04	2,000 00
Brantford, City of.....	4	3¾	8,173 60	8,000 00
Brantford, City of.....	4½	6	4,442 00	5,000 00
Brockville, City of.....	4	4½	645 28	688 96
Brockville, City of.....	4	4¾	963 45	1,013 73
Hamilton City of.....	5½	6½	5,196 26	5,072 00
Hamilton, City of.....	4	6	4,284 00	5,000 00
Hamilton, City of.....	6	5.80	5,149 30	5,000 00
Kincardine, Town of.....	5	4¾	509 80	500 00
Manitoba, Province of.....	5½	5.30	7,143 50	7,000 00
New Westminster, City of	5	4.80	5,125 50	5,000 00
New Westminster, City of..	5	4¾	5,280 50	5,000 00
Oxford, County of.....	5	4½	1,613 60	1,509 58
Ontario, Province of.....	6	6.55	3,790 00	4,000 00
Ontario, Province of.....	6	6.30	9,700 00	10,000 00
Ontario, Province of.....	6	6.50	10,463 75	11,000 00
Ontario, Province of.....	6	6.05	4,975 00	5,000 00
Ontario, Province of.....	6	6	10,000 00	10,000 00
Ontario, Province of.....	6	5.40	16,160 50	15,000 00
Peterborough, City of.....	4½	4½	5,121 37	5,121 37
Port Arthur, City of.....	5	4¾	1,009 31	1,000 00
Strathcona, City of.....	4½	4¾	4,842 00	5,018 28
St. Thomas, City of.....	4	4⅞	12,026 07	12,148 50
Stratford, City of.....	4½	4¾	980 95	1,000 00
Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry	6½	6½	15,057 18	15,057 18
Toronto, City of.....	3½	4.05	4,484 14	4,866 66
Toronto, City of.....	5½	5.40	8,152 80	8,000 00
Toronto, City of.....	5½	6¼	5,681 40	6,000 00
Toronto, City of.....	6	6¼	11,600 40	12,000 00
Toronto, City of.....	6	6¼	2,901 30	3,000 00
Woodstock, City of.....	5½	6	4,655 80	5,000 00
York, Township of.....	6	6	10,000 00	10,000 00
York, Township of.....	5½	5¾	981 40	1,000 00
York, Township of.....	6	5¾	4,074 00	4,000 00
			\$ 300,156 62	\$ 301,979 68

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

Balance in Bank of Commerce	\$19,910 89	
Less outstanding cheques	1,629 78	18,281 11
		<u>\$320,260 79</u>

The attached statement of assets shows the amount to the Credit of General Fund on the 31st day of May, 1924, and the sums invested, with the rates of interest. All the Debentures are deposited in the vaults of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, and are under the care of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary who, in addition to the vault clerk of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, hold check keys of the rented box where the debentures are deposited.

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

Audited, Certified to as being correct,
HARRY VIGEON, F.C.A.,
Auditor.

THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

I herewith submit a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Semi-Centennial Fund for the year ended 31st May, 1924.

RECEIPTS

To balance at credit of the account in Canadian		
Bank of Commerce on the 31st May, 1923	\$2,916 79	
Outstanding Cheques.....	2,535 00	
		\$ 381 79
Amount received from Grand Secretary during the year		
ended 31st May, 1924, from Lodges.....	35 00	
Interest on Investments.....	5,338 36	
Interest on Bank Deposits.....	56 49	
Benevolent cheques cancelled.....	80 00	
Etobicoke Debenture matured.....	1,638 23	
Seaforth Debenture matured.....	4,000 00	
Berlin Debenture matured.....	87 59	
Ingersoll Debenture matured.....	1,000 00	
Strathroy Debenture matured.....	980 69	
		13,216 36
		\$13,598 15

DISBURSEMENTS

City of Hamilton Bonds.....	\$4,219 33	
City of Windsor Bonds.....	278 58	
City of Lindsay Bonds.....	1,071 51	
Township of Barton Bonds.....	2,122 95	
		7,692 37
Benevolent Orders.....		4,725 00
Balance in Bank of Commerce.....	1,755 78	
Outstanding cheques.....	575 00	
		1,180 78
		\$13,598 15

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

HARRY VIGEON, F.C.A.,
Auditor.

Toronto, June 18th, 1924.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

Statement of Assets as at May 31st, 1924.

Securities	Rate of Interest		Cost Value	Face Value
	Bear	Yield		
Dominion of Canada, War Loan.....	5½	5½	\$ 5,400 00	\$ 5,400 00
Dominion of Canada, War Loan.....	5	5.30	5,183 00	5,200 00
Dominion of Canada, War Loan.....	5½	6¼	837 00	900 00
Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	5½	5½	6,000 00	6,000 00
Barton, Township of.....	5½	5.2	2,089 20	2,000 00
Berlin, Town of.....	5	4½	526 00	508 22
Belleville, City of.....	5¾	6	839 07	820 28
Calgary, City of.....	4½	4½	4,000 00	4,000 00
Durham, Town of.....	5	5½	1,439 71	1,528 43
Etobicoke, Township of.....	6½	6½	2,876 67	2,876 67
Galt, Town of.....	4	5	1,695 60	2,000 00
Hamilton, City of.....	6	6	3,000 00	3,000 00
Hamilton, City of.....	5½	5.30	1,023 80	1,000 00
Hamilton, City of.....	6	5.20	1,046 40	1,000 00
Hamilton, City of.....	6	5.20	1,340 80	1,000 00
Hamilton, City of.....	6	5.20	1,072 90	1,000 00
Hamilton, City of.....	5½	5½	1,015 30	1,000 00
Kincardine, Town of.....	5	4⅞	1,019 60	1,000 00
Lindsay, Town of.....	6	5.40	1,045 40	1,000 00
N. Vancouver, Dist. of.....	4½	4¾	2,880 60	3,000 00
Oakville, Town of.....	5	4¾	4,971 42	4,787 92
Oshawa, Town of.....	4½	4½	4,316 40	4,316 40
Owen Sound, Town of.....	4½	5	940 10	1,000 00
Owen Sound, Town of.....	5	4¼	2,200 80	2,000 00
Owen Sound, Town of.....	5	5.20	1,950 60	2,000 00
Ontario, Province of.....	6	5.40	1,606 05	1,500 00
Peterborough, City of.....	3	4	1,693 20	2,000 00
Peterborough, City of.....	4¾	4½	1,905 20	1,850 00
Peterborough, City of.....	4½	4½	3,854 72	3,854 72
St. Catharines, City of.....	4	4½	5,141 74	5,319 96
St. Marys, Town of.....	4½	4.80	8,658 63	9,000 00
Saltfleet, Township of.....	5	4¾	4,119 22	4,000 00
Sault Ste. Marie, Town of.....	5	4¾	1,862 64	1,800 00
Shuniah, Municipality of.....	5	4⅞	1,015 90	1,000 00
Strathroy, Town of.....	5	5⅞	481 60	565 85
Toronto, City of.....	5½	6	943 00	1,000 00
Walkerville, City of.....	4½	5⅞	599 88	639 13
Windsor, City of.....	4	4½	3,867 97	4,083 89
Windsor, City of.....	6	5.35	258 11	258 11
Windsor, City of.....	5	6	2,430 70	2,706 65
Woodstock, City of.....	4½	4.05	4,240 00	4,000 00
York, Township of.....	6	6½	1,382 41	1,440 72
Hamilton Maso. Hall Asso	6	6	100 00	100 00
			102,591 44	\$103,456 95

Balance in Bank of Commerce.....	\$1,755 78	
Less outstanding cheques	575 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,180 78
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		\$104,637 73

The attached statement of assets shows the amount to the Credit of Semi-centennial Fund on the 31st day of May, 1924, and the sums invested, with the rates of interest. All the Debentures are deposited in the vaults of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, and are under the care of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary who, in addition to the vault clerk of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, hold check keys of the rented box where the debentures are deposited.

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

Audited, Certified to as being correct,
HARRY VIGEON, F.C.A.
Auditor.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in
the Province of Ontario:

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

I beg leave to present my annual report, containing an account of all moneys received by me, and paid to the Grand Treasurer, during the year ending the 31st May, 1924.

The following statements are herewith submitted viz.:

A Summary of receipts from various sources on General Account; Details of Receipts on General Account and Ledger Balances as at the 31st May, 1924; a Summary of Receipts for the year; Details of Payments to the Grand Treasurer; a Summary of Expenditure; Details of the Returns of Lodges as at the 31st May, 1924; a Summary of the Receipts and of Payments to the Grand Treasurer on account of the Semi-Centennial Fund; and a Statement of the Receipts and Disbursements on the Semi-Centennial Fund Revenue Account.

Details of Receipts of Grand Lodge on General Account. and Ledger Balances, Year ending May 31st, 1924.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Location	Amt.	Balance	
				Dr.	Cr.
2	Niagara.....	Niagara.....	217 00	60	
3	Ancient St. John's.....	Kingston.....	428 95		
5	Sussex.....	Brockville.....	487 95	6 00	
6	Barton.....	Hamilton.....	391 50	6 00	
7	Union.....	Grimsby.....	271 50	1 00	
9	Union.....	Napanee.....	272 50	5 10	
10	Norfolk.....	Simcoe.....	191 50		
11	Moirra.....	Belleville.....	437 50	6 60	
14	True Britons.....	Perth.....	116 00	102 00	
15	St. George's.....	St. Catharines.....	334 50	13 00	
16	St. Andrew's.....	Toronto.....	640 00	1 00	
17	St. John's.....	Cobourg.....	308 00	6 50	
18	Prince Edward.....	Picton.....	278 00	2 00	
20	St. John's.....	London.....	490 50		
21a	St. John's.....	Vankleek Hill.....	131 80		
22	King Solomon's.....	Toronto.....	507 00		
23	Richmond.....	Richmond Hill.....	132 50	4 00	
24	St. Francis.....	Smith's Falls.....	255 00	6 00	
25	Ionic.....	Toronto.....	272 50	50	
26	Ontario.....	Port Hope.....	192 00		
27	Strict Observance.....	Hamilton.....	536 50	5 00	
28	Mount Zion.....	Kemptville.....	113 30		
29	United.....	Brighton.....	226 50	6 60	
30	Composite.....	Whitby.....	158 50	7 00	
31	Jerusalem.....	Bowmanville.....	214 50		
32	Amity.....	Dunnville.....	242 00		
33	Maitland.....	Goderich.....	337 00	14 40	
34	Thistle.....	Amherstburg.....	220 00		
35	St. John's.....	Cayuga.....	138 50	9 50	
37	King Hiram.....	Ingersoll.....	270 00		
38	Trent.....	Trenton.....	348 00		
39	Mount Zion.....	Brooklin.....	118 50	2 50	
40	St. John's.....	Hamilton.....	824 50		
41	St. George's.....	Kingsville.....	257 50	6 00	
42	St. George's.....	London.....	417 00	1 00	
43	King Solomon's.....	Woodstock.....	468 00	9 00	
44	St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas.....	586 50	6 00	
45	Brant.....	Brantford.....	548 50	7 00	
46	Wellington.....	Chatham.....	407 50	6 00	
47	Great Western.....	Windsor.....	1,235 50	60	
48	Madoc.....	Madoc.....	176 50	4 00	
50	Consecon.....	Consecon.....	94 00	12 00	
52	Dalhousie.....	Ottawa.....	538 00	1 00	
54	Vaughan.....	Maple.....	92 50	3 00	
55	Merrickville.....	Merrickville.....	113 50	50	
56	Victoria.....	Sarnia.....	393 00	2 00	
57	Harmony.....	Binbrook.....	194 20		
58	Doric.....	Ottawa.....	434 00		
61	Acacia.....	Hamilton.....	1,016 00	20 10	

62	St. Andrew's.....	Caledonia.....	164	70		
63	St. John's.....	Carleton Place...	218	50		50
64	Kilwinning.....	London.....	443	50	13	20
65	Rehoboam.....	Toronto.....	625	00		
66	Durham.....	Newcastle.....	129	00		
68	St. John's.....	Ingersoll.....	188	50		50
69	Stirling.....	Stirling.....	164	70		50
72	Alma.....	Galt.....	234	00	4	00
73	St. James'.....	St. Marys.....	200	00		
74	St. James'.....	South Augusta....	85	10		
75	St. John's.....	Toronto.....	306	50	4	00
76	Oxford.....	Woodstock.....	353	50	6	50
77	Faithful Brethren..	Lindsay.....	395	60		3 50
78	King Hiram.....	Tillsonburg.....	251	00		
79	Simcoe.....	Bradford.....	134	50		5 50
81	St. John's.....	Mount Brydges .	144	70	1	00
82	St. John's.....	Paris.....	227	50		
83	Beaver.....	Strathroy.....	213	00		2 00
84	Clinton.....	Clinton.....	150	00	3	50
85	Rising Sun.....	Athens.....	104	00		2 00
86	Wilson.....	Toronto.....	487	50	2	00
87	Markham Union.....	Markham.....	275	00		
88	St. George's.....	Owen Sound.....	391	50		50
90	Manito.....	Collingwood.....	342	50	2	00
91	Colborne.....	Colborne.....	146	00		50
92	Cataraqui.....	Kingston.....	493	50	12	00
93	Northern Light.....	Kincardine.....	215	50		
94	St. Mark.....	Port Stanley.....	100	00	1	00
96	Corinthian.....	Barrie.....	370	50	2	00
97	Sharon.....	Queensville.....	139	00		
98	True Blue.....	Bolton.....	70	50	1	00
99	Tuscan.....	Newmarket.....	183	50		
100	Valley.....	Dundas.....	343	50	3	00
101	Corinthian.....	Peterborough.....	266	00		
103	Maple Leaf.....	St. Catharines....	418	50		
104	St. John's.....	Norwich.....	177	50	1	00
105	St. Mark's.....	Niagara Falls....	344	00	1	00
106	Burford.....	Burford.....	184	00		
107	St. Paul's.....	Lambeth.....	134	00		
108	Blenheim.....	Princeton.....	116	50		
109	Albion.....	Harrowsmith.....	233	50		
110	Central.....	Prescott.....	186	00		5 00
113	Wilson.....	Waterford.....	196	50	6	00
114	Hope.....	Port Hope.....	275	50		
115	Ivy.....	Beamsville.....	223	00	12	50
116	Cassia.....	Thedford.....	94	00	7	00
118	Union.....	Schomberg.....	80	50		50
119	Maple Leaf.....	Bath.....	138	00	6	00
120	Warren.....	Fingal.....	102	50	6	00
121	Doric.....	Brantford.....	637	25		
122	Renfrew.....	Renfrew.....	213	50		
123	Belleville.....	Belleville.....	394	50	6	00
125	Cornwall.....	Cornwall.....	213	50		
126	Golden Rule.....	Campbellford....	227	50	6	00
127	Franck.....	Frankford.....	248	50		2 00
128	Pembroke.....	Pembroke.....	277	50	1	00

129	Rising Sun.....	Aurora.....	98 00	82 00	
131	St. Lawrence.....	Southampton.....	130 85		
133	Lebanon Forest.....	Exeter.....	125 50		
135	St. Clair.....	Milton.....	187 00	1 20	
136	Richardson.....	Stouffville.....	106 00	4 00	
137	Pythagoras.....	Meaford.....	162 00		
139	Lebanon.....	Oshawa.....	331 00	6 00	
140	Malahide.....	Aylmer.....	170 00	1 00	
141	Tudor.....	Mitchell.....	160 00		50
142	Excelsior.....	Morrisburg.....	104 35	2 00	
143	Friendly Brothers.....	Iroquois.....	165 50	1 00	
144	Tecunseh.....	Stratford.....	414 60		
145	J. B. Hall.....	Millbrook.....	102 00		
146	Prince of Wales.....	Newburgh.....	97 50		
147	Mississippi.....	Almonte.....	172 50		50
148	Civil Service.....	Ottawa.....	430 00		
149	Erie.....	Port Dover.....	133 00	1 00	
151	Grand River.....	Kitchener.....	390 25		
153	Burns.....	Wyoming.....	158 00		
154	Irving.....	Lucan.....	125 50		
155	Peterborough.....	Peterborough.....	405 00		10 00
156	York.....	Toronto.....	471 50	1 50	
157	Simpson.....	Newboro.....	92 50		
158	Alexandra.....	Oil Springs.....	63 00	52 00	
159	Goodwood.....	Richmond.....	85 50	1 50	
161	Percy.....	Warkworth.....	120 75	3 00	
162	Forest.....	Wroxeter.....	74 00		
164	Star in the East.....	Wellington.....	149 50	1 00	
165	Burlington.....	Burlington.....	239 80		
166	Wentworth.....	Stoney Creek.....	322 25	6 50	
168	Merritt.....	Welland.....	265 00		4 00
169	Macnab.....	Port Colborne.....	202 20		
170	Britannia.....	Seaforth.....	163 50		
171	Prince of Wales.....	Lawrence St'n.....	64 00	50	
172	Ayr.....	Ayr.....	125 50	7 00	
174	Walsingham.....	Port Rowan.....	140 10		
177	The Builders.....	Ottawa.....	495 50		50
178	Plattsville.....	Plattsville.....	85 50		
180	Speed.....	Guelph.....	381 00	7 00	
181	Oriental.....	Port Burwell.....	81 00	1 00	
184	Old Light.....	Lucknow.....	166 00		50
185	Enniskillen.....	York.....	82 60		
186	Plantagenet.....	Riceville.....	55 00		
190	Belmont.....	Belmont.....	129 00	1 00	
192	Orillia.....	Orillia.....	405 50	20 50	
193	Scotland.....	Scotland.....	147 00	6 00	
194	Petrolia.....	Petrolia.....	245 20		
195	Tuscan.....	London.....	402 00		
196	Madawaska.....	Arnprior.....	183 50		
197	Saugeen.....	Walkerton.....	184 50		1 00
200	St. Alban's.....	Mount Forest.....	145 30		
201	Leeds.....	Gananoque.....	300 00		
203	Irvine.....	Elora.....	123 00		
205	New Dominion.....	New Hamburg.....	56 00	50	
207	Lancaster.....	Lancaster.....	139 50		50
209a	St. John's.....	London.....	749 50	13 20	

209	Evergreen.....	Lanark.....	114 10	1 00	
215	Lake.....	Ameliasburg.....	96 00		
216	Harris.....	Orangeville.....	261 50	6 00	
217	Frederick.....	Delhi.....	91 00	6 00	
218	Stevenson.....	Toronto.....	399 00	6 00	
219	Credit.....	Georgetown.....	166 50	5 50	
220	Zeredatha.....	Uxbridge.....	232 50		
221	Mountain.....	Thorold.....	272 00	3 00	
222	Marmora.....	Marmora.....	123 00	2 00	
223	Norwood.....	Norwood.....	122 50		
224	Zurich.....	Hensall.....	114 50		
225	Bernard.....	Listowel.....	286 50	3 00	
228	Prince Arthur.....	Odessa.....	145 50		
229	Ionic.....	Brampton.....	277 00		
230	Kerr.....	Barrie.....	403 60	7 50	
231	Fidelity.....	Ottawa.....	504 00	6 00	
232	Cameron.....	Dutton.....	139 00	1 00	
233	Doric.....	Parkhill.....	149 70	2 50	
234	Beaver.....	Clarksburg.....	111 20		
235	Aldworth.....	Paisley.....	142 10		
236	Manitoba.....	Cookstown.....	173 50		
237	Vienna.....	Vienna.....	142 20		
238	Havelock.....	Watford.....	122 75		
239	Tweed.....	Tweed.....	220 00	50	
242	Macoy.....	Mallorytown.....	136 50		
243	St. George.....	St. George.....	114 50	1 00	
245	Tecumseh.....	Thamesville.....	134 50	1 00	
247	Ashlar.....	Toronto.....	428 00		
249	Caledonian.....	Midland.....	327 50		
250	Thistle.....	Embro.....	157 00	3 00	
253	Minden.....	Kingston.....	368 00	12 00	
254	Clifton.....	Niagara Falls.....	563 10	7 00	
255	Sydenham.....	Dresden.....	172 00		
256	Farran's Point.....	Aultsville.....	105 00		
257	Galt.....	Galt.....	287 00		
258	Guelph.....	Guelph.....	327 50	12 00	
259	Springfield.....	Springfield.....	204 00		
260	Washington.....	Petrolia.....	208 50	6 00	
261	Oak Branch.....	Innerkip.....	62 50	1 25	
262	Harriston.....	Harriston.....	138 60		3 50
263	Forest.....	Forest.....	196 20		
264	Chaudiere.....	Ottawa.....	492 50	50	
265	Patterson.....	Thornhill.....	135 00	6 00	
266	Northern Light.....	Stayner.....	94 00		
267	Parthenon.....	Chatham.....	568 50		8 00
268	Verulam.....	Bobcaygeon.....	109 00	9 00	
269	Brougham Union.....	Claremont.....	109 50	2 50	
270	Cedar.....	Oshawa.....	296 50		
271	Wellington.....	Erin.....	119 00	3 50	
272	Seymour.....	Ancaster.....	210 50		1 00
274	Kent.....	Blenheim.....	243 60		
276	Teeswater.....	Teeswater.....	80 50	6 10	
277	Seymour.....	Port Dalhousie.....	135 00	50	
279	New Hope.....	Hespeler.....	150 00		
282	Lorne.....	Glencoe.....	132 40	4 50	
283	Eureka.....	Belleville.....	357 70	6 50	

284	St. John's.....	Brussels.....	158	50	
285	Seven Star.....	Alliston.....	235	75	
286	Wingham.....	Wingham.....	186	80	
287	Shuniah.....	Port Arthur.....	860	50	8 60
289	Doric.....	Lobo.....	141	50	
290	Leamington.....	Leamington.....	463	50	15 00
291	Dufferin.....	West Flamboro..	161	50	
292	Robertson.....	King.....	128	50	
294	Moore.....	Courtright.....	112	00	3 00
295	Conestogo.....	Drayton.....	134	50	
296	Temple.....	St. Catharines...	377	70	6 00
297	Preston.....	Preston.....	210	00	6 00
299	Victoria.....	Centreville.....	92	00	3 00
300	Mount Olivet.....	Thorndale.....	95	50	
302	St. David.....	St. Thomas.....	497	50	6 00
303	Blyth.....	Blyth.....	126	50	3 00
304	Minerva.....	Stroud.....	205	00	4 10
305	Humber.....	Weston.....	209	00	1 00
306	Durham.....	Durham.....	168	50	
307	Arkona.....	Arkona.....	81	00	60
309	Morning Star.....	Carlow.....	108	00	
311	Blackwood.....	Woodbridge.....	95	50	
312	Pnyx.....	Wallaceburg.....	244	50	
313	Clementi.....	Lakefield.....	149	50	4 00
314	Blair.....	Palmerston.....	170	00	50
315	Clifford.....	Clifford.....	104	00	8 50
316	Doric.....	Toronto.....	703	00	2 00
318	Wilmot.....	Baden.....	45	50	
319	Hiram.....	Hagersville.....	213	20	50
320	Chesterville.....	Chesterville.....	157	50	
321	Walker.....	Acton.....	124	50	6 00
322	North Star.....	Owen Sound.....	322	00	6 00
323	Alvinston.....	Alvinston.....	95	00	5 50
324	Temple.....	Hamilton.....	641	50	1 00
325	Orono.....	Orono.....	90	00	
326	Zetland.....	Toronto.....	601	00	18 50
327	Hammond.....	Wardsville.....	76	50	
328	Ionic.....	Napier.....	89	50	
329	King Solomon.....	Jarvis.....	123	00	
330	Corinthian.....	London.....	388	00	
331	Fordwich.....	Fordwich.....	92	00	
332	Stratford.....	Stratford.....	466	00	
333	Prince Arthur.....	Flesherton.....	135	00	7 20
334	Prince Arthur.....	Arthur.....	114	10	
336	Highgate.....	Highgate.....	117	50	2 50
337	Myrtle.....	Port Robinson...	138	00	4 50
338	Dufferin.....	Wellandport.....	58	00	100 00
339	Orient.....	Toronto.....	406	50	
341	Bruce.....	Tiverton.....	182	50	
343	Georgina.....	Toronto.....	527	00	7 50
344	Merrill.....	Dorchester St'n.			91 70
345	Nilestown.....	Nilestown.....	160	60	
346	Occident.....	Toronto.....	635	50	2 00
347	Mercer.....	Fergus.....	158	50	
348	Georgian.....	Penetanguishene	156	50	
352	Granite.....	Parry Sound.....	353	00	6 00

354	Brock.....	Cannington.....	109	10		
356	River Park.....	Streetsville.....	152	00	2	00
357	Waterdown.....	Millgrove.....	192	50	7	00
358	Delaware Valley.....	Delaware.....	78	50	13	90
359	Vittoria.....	Vittoria.....	84	10		
360	Muskoka.....	Bracebridge.....	204	50	4	00
361	Waverly.....	Guelph.....	449	50	6	00
362	Maple Leaf.....	Tara.....	119	50		
364	Dufferin.....	Melbourne.....	97	50		
367	St. George.....	Toronto.....	633	10		
368	Salem.....	Brockville.....	349	00		
369	Mimico.....	Lambton Mills.....	250	00	6	60
370	Harmony.....	Delta.....	120	50		50
371	Prince of Wales.....	Ottawa.....	414	00	12	50
372	Palmer.....	Bridgeburg.....	209	00	8	50
373	Copestone.....	Welland.....	301	00		2 00
374	Keene.....	Keene.....	44	00		
375	Lorne.....	Omeme.....	121	00		
376	Unity.....	Huntsville.....	196	50		
377	Lorne.....	Shelburne.....	177	70	18	00
378	King Solomon's.....	London.....	484	00		6 50
379	Middlesex.....	Bryanston.....	75	50		
380	Union.....	London.....	413	10		
382	Doric.....	Hamilton.....	308	50	269	50
383	Henderson.....	Winchester.....	127	50		
384	Alpha.....	Toronto.....	662	50		
385	Spry.....	Beeton.....	93	50		
386	McCull.....	West Lorne.....	187	00	1	00
387	Lansdowne.....	Lansdowne.....	110	00		
388	Henderson.....	Ilderton.....	150	50		
389	Crystal Fountain.....	North Augusta.....	108	50		50
390	Florence.....	Florence.....	81	50	10	00
391	Howard.....	Ridgetown.....	204	50	6	00
392	Huron.....	Camlachie.....	129	00		
393	Forest.....	Chesley.....	135	25	6	00
394	King Solomon.....	Thamesford.....	134	50	4	00
395	Parvaim.....	Comber.....	81	00		
396	Cedar.....	Warton.....	146	50	12	50
397	Leopold.....	Brigden.....	122	50		
398	Victoria.....	Kirkfield.....	107	50	3	00
399	Moffatt.....	Harrietsville.....	108	50		
400	Oakville.....	Oakville.....	244	50	15	00
401	Craig.....	Deseronto.....	136	60		
402	Central.....	Essex.....	234	00		
403	Windsor.....	Windsor.....	693	00	13	00
404	Lorne.....	Tamworth.....	92	50		50
405	Mattawa.....	Mattawa.....	100	50		
406	Spry.....	Fenelon Falls.....	129	30		3 50
408	Murray.....	Beaverton.....	140	50	2	10
409	Golden Rule.....	Gravenhurst.....	157	00		
410	Zeta.....	Toronto.....	597	00		
411	Rodney.....	Rodney.....	132	00		50
412	Keystone.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	525	00	6	30
413	Naphtali.....	Tilbury.....	129	70		
414	Pequonga.....	Kenora.....	316	80		
415	Fort William.....	Fort William.....	482	00	1	00

416	Lyn.....	Lyn.....	73	20		
417	Keewatin.....	Keewatin.....	140	00	6	50
418	Maxville.....	Maxville.....	60	00	57	50
419	Liberty.....	Sarnia.....	175	50		
420	Nipissing.....	North Bay.....	324	50	1	00
421	Scott.....	Grand Valley.....	112	50		
422	Star of the East.....	Bothwell.....	151	20		
423	Strong.....	Sundridge.....	116	00		
424	Doric.....	Pickering.....	98	00		4 50
425	St. Clair.....	Sombra.....	124	00	1	50
426	Stanley.....	Toronto.....	575	50	1	00
427	Nickel.....	Sudbury.....	337	50	3	60
428	Fidelity.....	Port Perry.....	191	00		
429	Port Elgin.....	Port Elgin.....	92	00		1 00
430	Acacia.....	Toronto.....	445	00	13	50
431	Moravian.....	Cargill.....	66	00		
432	Hanover.....	Hanover.....	127	00	6	00
433	Bonnechere.....	Eganville.....	123	00		10
434	Algonquin.....	Emsdale.....	169	50		
435	Havelock.....	Havelock.....	180	80		5 00
436	Burns.....	Hepworth.....	88	20		
437	Tuscan.....	Sarnia.....	551	00	12	60
438	Harmony.....	Toronto.....	763	00	2	00
439	Alexandria.....	Alexandria.....	98	50	6	50
440	Arcadia.....	Minden.....	96	00		3 50
441	Westport.....	Westport.....	114	00		
442	Dyment.....	Thessalon.....	208	50	9	90
443	Powassan.....	Powassan.....	122	50	1	50
444	Nitetic.....	Creemore.....	90	60	1	00
445	Lake of the Woods.....	Kenora.....	87	00	3	00
446	Granite.....	Fort Francis.....	227	00	1	00
447	Sturgeon Falls.....	Sturgeon Falls.....	90	00		
448	Xenophon.....	Wheatley.....	101	10		
449	Dundalk.....	Dundalk.....	60	00	70	50
450	Hawkesbury.....	Hawkesbury.....	181	00		12 00
451	Somerville.....	Kinmount.....	85	90		
452	Avonmore.....	Avonmore.....	112	10		
453	Royal.....	Fort William.....	257	75	4	00
454	Corona.....	Burk's Falls.....	132	50	6	00
455	Doric.....	Little Current.....	130	00		
456	Elma.....	Monkton.....	82	50		
457	Century.....	Merlin.....	156	00		
458	Wales.....	Wales.....	137	00		
459	Cobden.....	Cobden.....	139	00	1	00
460	Rideau.....	Seeley's Bay.....	82	00		
461	Ionic.....	Rainy River.....	145	00	1	00
462	Temiskaming.....	New Liskeard.....	209	00		
463	North Entrance.....	Haliburton.....	104	55		3 00
464	King Edward.....	Sunderland.....	123	50		
465	Carleton.....	Carp.....	86	50	10	20
466	Coronation.....	Elmvale.....	111	50		
467	Tottenham.....	Tottenham.....	80	00	2	20
468	Peel.....	Caledon East.....	127	75		
469	Algoma.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	397	50		
470	Victoria.....	Victoria Harbour.....	165	25	1	00
471	King Edward VII.....	Chippawa.....	101	00	1	00

472	Gore Bay.....	Gore Bay.....	117 00	4 00	
473	The Beaches.....	Toronto.....	327 00	6 00	
474	Victoria.....	Toronto.....	485 50	1 00	
475	Dundurn.....	Hamilton.....	636 60		
476	Corinthian.....	North Gower....	99 50	3 00	
477	Harding.....	Woodville.....	89 50	6 00	
478	Milverton.....	Milverton.....	106 50		
479	Russell.....	Russell.....	210 10		
480	Williamsburg.....	Williamsburg....	66 00	50	
481	Corinthian.....	Toronto.....	464 50	7 00	
482	Bancroft.....	Bancroft.....	176 50	5 00	
483	Granton.....	Granton.....	94 50		50
484	Golden Star.....	Dryden.....	143 00		
485	Haileybury.....	Haileybury.....	253 50	1 80	
486	Silver.....	Cobalt.....	327 00	8 25	
487	Penewobikong.....	Blind River.....	87 50		
488	King Edward.....	Harrow.....	144 50		
489	Osiris.....	Smith's Falls....	194 00	6 00	
490	Hiram.....	Markdale.....	73 70		
491	Cardinal.....	Cardinal.....	103 00		
492	Karnak.....	Coldwater.....	108 50	3 00	
493	St. Marys.....	St. Marys.....	181 50	1 00	
494	Riverdale.....	Toronto.....	514 75		
495	Electric.....	Hamilton.....	705 00	12 00	
496	University.....	Toronto.....	565 50	1 00	
497	St. Andrew's.....	Arden.....	117 50		
498	King George V.....	Coboconk.....	120 50		50
499	Port Arthur.....	Port Arthur.....	422 50	12 00	
500	Rose.....	Windsor.....	175 50	8 00	
501	Connaught.....	Mimico.....	276 50	6 00	
502	Coronation.....	Smithville.....	112 50		3 50
503	Inwood.....	Inwood.....	125 75		
504	Otter.....	Lombardy.....	88 50		
505	Lynden.....	Lynden.....	125 00		1 00
506	Porcupine.....	Porcupine.....	170 00		
507	Elk Lake.....	Elk Lake.....	131 00		
508	Ozias.....	Brantford.....	202 00	1 00	
509	Twin City.....	Kitchener.....	220 00	1 00	
510	Parkdale.....	Toronto.....	372 00	14 50	
511	Connaught.....	W. Fort William	204 50	14 00	
512	Malone.....	Sutton.....	151 80		
513	Corinthian.....	Hamilton.....	681 70	15 00	
514	St. Alban's.....	Toronto.....	457 00	1 00	
515	Reba.....	Brantford.....	260 50	9 00	
516	Enterprise.....	Beachburg.....	95 50	3 00	
517	Hazeldean.....	Hazeldean.....	73 00	1 00	
518	Sioux Lookout.....	Sioux Lookout	205 00	12 00	
519	Onondaga.....	Onondaga.....	99 50		
520	Coronati.....	Toronto.....	465 00	28 00	
521	Ontario.....	Windsor.....	523 50	14 00	
522	Mount Sinai.....	Toronto.....	526 50	5 50	
523	Royal Arthur.....	Peterborough....	184 00	6 00	
524	Mississauga.....	Port Credit.....	163 00	7 00	
525	Temple.....	Toronto.....	475 00	11 50	
526	Ionic.....	Westboro.....	214 00		
527	Espanola.....	Espanola.....	98 00		

528	Golden Beaver.....	Timmins.....	193	50	
529	Myra.....	Komoka.....	54	00	
530	Cochrane.....	Cochrane.....	207	00	
531	High Park.....	Toronto.....	684	15	1 50
532	Canada.....	Toronto.....	429	00	2 10
533	Shamrock.....	Toronto.....	336	50	14 00
534	Engleheart.....	Engleheart.....	179	00	
535	Phoenix.....	Fonthill.....	85	50	6 00
536	Algonquin.....	Copper Cliff.....	165	50	
537	Ulster.....	Toronto.....	792	50	26 00
538	Earl Kitchener.....	Port McNicoll.....	75	60	3 00
539	Waterloo.....	Waterloo.....	140	50	11 00
540	Abitibi.....	Iroquois Falls... ..	176	20	8 00
541	Tuscan.....	Toronto.....	495	00	1 00
542	Metropolitan.....	Toronto.....	247	50	25 00
543	Imperial.....	Toronto.....	294	00	2 50
544	Lincoln.....	Adingdon.....	77	50	
545	John Ross Rob tson.....	Toronto.....	475	50	3 50
546	Talbot.....	St. Thomas.....	291	20	6 00
547	Victory.....	Toronto.....	27	00	3 50
548	General Mercer.....	Toronto.....	275	00	10 10
549	Ionic.....	Hamilton.....	339	50	11 00
550	Buchanan.....	Hamilton.....	299	50	9 00
551	Tuscan.....	Hamilton.....	390	50	13 50
552	Queen City.....	Toronto.....	351	70	4 00
553	Oakwood.....	Toronto.....	260	50	10 50
554	Border Cities.....	Windsor.....	162	00	19 00
555	Wardrope.....	Hamilton.....	416	50	9 00
556	Nation.....	Spencerville.....	71	70	15 00
557	Finch.....	Finch.....	90	00	
558	Sidney Albert Luke.....	Ottawa.....	174	00	7 00
559	Palestine.....	Toronto.....	196	80	10 00
560	St. Andrew's.....	Ottawa.....	213	25	5 00
561	Acacia.....	Westboro.....	168	50	1 00
562	Hamilton.....	Hamilton.....	463	00	25 50
563	Victory.....	Chatham.....	231	00	9 30
564	Ashlar.....	Ottawa.....	189	50	
565	Kilwinning.....	Toronto.....	480	50	19 00
566	King Hiram.....	Toronto.....	220	50	
567	St. Aidan's.....	Toronto.....	93	00	7 00
568	Hullett.....	Londesboro.....	73	70	
569	Doric.....	Lakeside.....	69	50	3 00
570	Dufferin.....	Toronto.....	309	50	29 00
571	Antiquity.....	Toronto.....	231	00	15 50
572	Mizpah.....	Toronto.....	435	00	13 70
573	Adoniram.....	Niagara Falls... ..	254	00	13 10
574	Craig.....	Ailsa Craig.....	102	00	2 00
575	Fidelity.....	Toronto.....	188	00	7 00
576	Mimosa.....	Toronto.....	175	00	14 00
577	St. Clair.....	Toronto.....	270	00	6 00
578	Queen's.....	Kingston.....	208	50	10 00
579	Harmony.....	Windsor.....	184	50	
580	Acacia.....	London.....	274	50	8 00
581	Harcourt.....	Toronto.....	53	00	
582	Sunnyside.....	Toronto.....	306	50	14 10
583	Transportation.....	Toronto.....	213	00	

584	Kaministiquia.....	Fort William.....	107 50	50
585	Royal Edward.....	Kingston.....	90 50	1 00
586	War Veterans.....	Toronto.....	281 00	14 00
587	Patricia.....	Toronto.....	236 00	1 00
588	National.....	Capreol.....	121 50	
589	Grey.....	Toronto.....	183 50	14 00
590	Defenders.....	Ottawa.....	163 50	
591	North Gate.....	Toronto.....	254 50	1 00
592	Fairbank.....	Toronto.....	150 00	
593	St. Andrews.....	Hamilton.....	486 00	14 00
594	Hillcrest.....	Hamilton.....	206 50	2 00
595	Rideau.....	Ottawa.....	161 00	
596	Martintown.....	Martintown.....	54 00	
597	Temple.....	London.....	135 00	5 50
598	Dominion.....	Windsor.....	140 50	13 00
599	Mount Dennis.....	Toronto.....	118 00	
600	Maple Leaf.....	Toronto.....	133 50	5 00
601	St. Paul.....	Sarnia.....	189 00	2 00
602	Hugh Murray.....	Hamilton.....	307 50	
603	Campbell.....	Campbellville.....	97 00	
604	Palace.....	Windsor.....	98 50	50
605	Melita.....	Toronto.....	137 50	2 00
606	Unity.....	Toronto.....	168 45	4 00
607	Golden Fleece.....	Toronto.....	109 50	4 00
608	Gothic.....	Lindsay.....	92 50	
609	Tavistock.....	Tavistock.....	107 50	6 00
610	Ashlar.....	Byron.....	212 80	1 00
611	Huron-Bruce.....	Toronto.....	151 80	50
612	Birch Cliffe.....	Birch Cliffe.....	203 80	7 00
613	Fort Erie.....	Fort Erie.....	179 55	
614	Adanac.....	Merritton.....	118 55	4 50
615	Dominion.....	Ridgeway.....	90 00	
616	Perfection.....	St. Catharines.....	126 00	60
617	North Bay.....	North Bay.....	141 50	
618	Thunder Bay.....	Port Arthur.....	110 50	1 00
619	Runnymede.....	Toronto.....	253 80	1 00
620	Bay of Quinte.....	Toronto.....	359 54	2 00
U.D.	Frontenac.....	Sharbot Lake.....	41 50	
U.D.	Lorne.....	Chapleau.....	93 00	9 30
U.D.	Doric.....	Kirkland Lake.....	202 50	
U.D.	Dereham.....	Mt. Elgin.....	20 00	18 60

\$123,155 00

Sundries..... 1,113 50

Interest..... 17,166 49

Debentures matured..... 4,045 16

\$145,480 15

GENERAL ACCOUNT
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS
YEAR ENDED MAY 31ST., 1924

Fees, Registration of initiations.....	\$ 17904 00
Fees, Registration of affiliations.....	742 00
Dues.....	94491 50
Certificates.....	114 00
Constitutions.....	2975 00
Ceremonies.....	176 00
Dispensations.....	920 00
Commutations of Dues.....	5568 00
Warrants.....	150 00
Musical Rituals.....	111 50
Miscellaneous.....	1116 50
	<u>\$124268 50</u>

Interest on Debentures and Bank Account:

Dominion of Canada War Loans.....	\$3052 50
Landed Banking and Loan Co.,.....	300 00
Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	2005 00
Town of Berlin.....	144 81
City of Brandon.....	100 00
City of Brantford.....	545 00
City of Brockville.....	103 43
City of Hamilton.....	899 00
Town of Kincardine.....	25 00
Province of Manitoba.....	385 00
City of New Westminster.....	500 00
County of Oxford.....	75 48
Province of Ontario.....	3300 00
City of Peterborough.....	230 46
City of Port Arthur.....	50 00
City of Strathcona.....	225 82
City of St. Thomas.....	485 95
City of Stratford.....	45 00
Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry.....	978 72
City of Toronto.....	1840 33
City of Woodstock.....	275 00
Township of York.....	895 00
U.S. Exchange on Bonds.....	2 83
Bank Interest.....	702 16
	<u>17166 49</u>

Total Revenue General Account: \$141434 99

Debentures matured and paid—

City of Berlin.....	1412 77
City of Brockville.....	632 39
City of Hamilton.....	2000 00
	<u>4045 16</u>
	<u>\$145480 15</u>

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Year Ended May 31st, 1924

E. T. Malone, Grand Treasurer, salary to 31st March, 1924	\$ 300 00	
W. M. Logan, Grand Secretary, salary to 31st March, 1924	5750 00	
H. Vigeon, Auditor, salary to 31st March, 1924	600 00	
W. J. Attig, Chief Clerk, salary to 31st May, 1924	3000 00	
J. Place, Stenographer, salary to 31st May, 1924	2000 00	
F. J. Brown, Clerk, salary to 31st May, 1924..	1800 00	
Incidental Expenses, Grand Secretary's office	1500 00	
Printing and Stationery	3734 52	
Special Printing	2161 85	
Constitutions	3218 84	
Certificates and Warrants	728 81	
Telephone Service	81 66	
Insurance on furniture, books, regalia and premium on bonds	141 85	
Safety Deposit Box rental, Toronto General Trusts Corporation	40 00	
Office Rent	1000 00	
Postage on Proceedings	214 00	
Cheque Grand Lodge Expenses, Toronto ...	4000 00	
Postage for Chairman of Committees	40 00	
Inspector of Benevolence, salary	1200 00	
Inspector of Benevolence, travelling expenses	458 78	
Chairman of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence	150 00	
Allowance to M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, Grand Master 1922-1923	500 00	
Testimonial to M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton....	500 00	
Allowance to Grand Master, 1923-1924	1500 00	
Stenographer for Grand Master	300 00	
Allowance for the Deputy Grand Master ...	250 00	
Special Commissions	99 70	
Memorial Tributes	20 60	
Stenographer for Chairman of Committee on Benevolence	150 00	
Grand Lodge of Ireland	1000 00	
Regalia for Grand Master	245 51	
Ballot Boxes	459 80	
Regalia and Paraphernalia	79 37	
		\$37225 29
Benevolent Grants		97550 00
Japanese Relief		1000 00
Debentures purchased		5307 38
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		\$141082 67

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

Summary of Receipts for the year ending May 31st., 1924.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Additional contributions from Lodges:

Faithful Brethren, No. 77, Lindsay.....	\$ 26 00	
Arcadia, No. 440, Minden	3 00	
North Entrance No. 463, Haliburton.....	6 00	
		\$ 35 00

Debentures matured:

Town of Berlin.....	\$ 87 59	
Town of Etobicoke.....	1638 23	
Town of Ingersoll.....	1000 00	
Town of Seaforth.....	4000 00	
Town of Strathroy.....	980 69	
		7706 51

REVENUE ACCOUNT

Interest on Investment and bank account as per detailed statement.....	5,394 85
	<u>\$13,136 36</u>

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

Revenue Account year ended May 31st, 1924.

RECEIPTS

Balance at Credit May 31st, 1923.....	\$ 767 05
Interest on Investment:	
Dominion of Canada, War Loans.....	\$ 606 50
Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	330 00
Town of Berlin.....	29 79
City of Belleville.....	49 22
City of Calgary.....	180 00
Town of Durham.....	76 42
Township of Etobicoke.....	293 47
Town of Galt.....	80 00
City of Hamilton.....	412 50
Town of Ingersoll.....	40 00
Town of Kincardine.....	50 00
Town of Lindsay.....	60 00
Dist. of North Vancouver.....	135 00
Town of Oakville.....	239 37
Town of Oshawa.....	194 24
Town of Owen Sound.....	245 00
Province of Ontario	90 00
City of Peterborough.....	321 34
City of St. Catharines.....	212 80
Town of St. Marys.....	405 00
Township of Saltfleet.....	200 00

Town of Sault Ste. Marie.....	90 00	
Town of Seaforth.....	200 00	
Municipality of Shuniah.....	50 00	
Town of Strathroy.....	77 32	
City of Toronto.....	55 00	
Town of Walkerville.....	28 76	
City of Windsor.....	314 19	
City of Woodstock.....	180 00	
Township of York	86 44	
Hamilton Masonic Hall Association	6 00	
Bank Interest.....	56 47	
		5,394 85
		<u>\$6,161 90</u>

W. W. Logan

Grand Secretary

Hamilton, June 18th, 1924

I certify that the foregoing is a correct abstract from the books of the Grand Secretary of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Grand Lodge, for the year ending May 31st, 1924.

HARRY VIGEON, F.C.A.
Auditor

It was moved by the Acting Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and Resolved: That the Reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

The Grand Secretary presented the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, which follow herewith. It was moved by the Acting Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan and Resolved: That the Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters

ALGOMA DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M.
of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren, —

Under the Constitution it is the duty of the District Deputy Grand Master to present to you a written message, therein setting forth all his official acts during the year and exhibit the state of Masonry within his district.

Permit me, first of all, to express to the Brethren of this district, my most hearty appreciation of the honor conferred upon me in electing me to that high and important office as the representative of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, in Algoma District. I wish also to say that I am very grateful for the many kindnesses shown me by the brethren throughout the district during my illness last winter.

I approached the duties of this exalted position with a certain amount of fear and trembling, but the task has resulted in a year of work which will live in my memory to the end of my life as one of the brightest periods of my existence. I can assure you that I have honestly endeavored to perform the duties pertaining to the office to the best of my ability.

I have visited each Lodge in the District once, with the exception of Ionic Lodge No. 461 at Rainy River, of which mention will be made later. This necessarily involved a lot of time and travel because of the vast distances in the jurisdiction of this district. It required three weeks to make the visits to the Lodges outside of Kenora and Keewatin, and during that time I travelled 2,978 miles by train, auto and boat. It was strenuous, and I learned to disregard

entirely the divisions of time taught us by the twenty-four-inch gauge, whereby we find a "part for refreshment and repose." The idea of a really successful visit, in one or two lodges, is one where in going to bed you meet yourself getting up, but the evident appreciation of the visits of the D.D.G.M. in these lodges is a rich compensation for the effort involved. My brethren everywhere have been more than kind to me and I owe them a debt of gratitude I can never repay. It was well worth it all, and more—at least to me personally, and I hope to the Lodges.

It affords me keen satisfaction to report that Masonry in this district was never in a better or more healthy condition. The Worshipful Masters and officers are enthusiastic and conscientious in the discharge of their duties. The secretaries are all imbued with the idea of keeping their records in a way that reflects honor on themselves and the Lodges that they represent.

I can safely say that we have made real progress in this district during the past year. Nearly all the Lodges show an increase in numbers, but perhaps the better proof of our progress is in the fact that we are now producing Masons who not only learn our principles, but practice them, who look upon the privileges and opportunities of a Mason as something to be taken advantage of for the uplifting of mankind, and bringing him closer to his Creator. We know that within the last twelve years the fraternity in the Province of Ontario has doubled its membership, and there are a great number still anxious to join. The Masters will do well to give more thought to the members they already have than to obtaining new ones. Many Masons after reaching middle life cease to attend Lodge, although they pay their dues. If the principles of Masonry are good for youth, they should prove comforting to age. If they are good to live by, they should be good to die by. Every effort should be made to retain the support and guidance of our elder brothers.

The average attendance of the members in this district is very gratifying, in one Lodge over forty per

cent., but there is still room for improvement. How many of the new members attend regularly after they have received the third degree? Are they Masons in the true sense or are they merely members of the Fraternity? The mere hearing of the ceremonies does not make a man a Mason. Perhaps they get tired with the constant degree work, especially when they have no part in it. Then they should be sufficiently impressed to become students of Masonry, to learn the symbolic meanings of the degrees, to interpret the purposes and objects of the Fraternity, to realize that a proper application of the teachings and principles of Masonry spells better citizenship and better manhood. The social side of Masonry should not be neglected. Through Fellowship men become closely united. To promote that Fellowship the social side of Freemasonry must be developed. I am pleased to say that most of the Lodges in this district are taking a keen interest in this work to the great improvement of their members.

Grand Master Visits Algoma District

A memorable event in Masonic History in this district took place when the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, visited the Twin Cities during the week of August 27th to 31st, 1923, the occasion being the Constitution and Consecration of Thunder Bay Lodge No. 618.

On Monday afternoon, 27th, a garden party in honor of M.W. Bro. W. J. Drope, M.A., was held in Fort William and the same evening an informal meeting of all the Lodges of the District was held in the City Hall Auditorium, Fort William, at which the Grand Master delivered a very able address. Wednesday afternoon a basket picnic at Current River Park, Port Arthur, followed by a dance there in the evening, furnished amusement for the Masons and their guests.

Constitution and Consecration

On Thursday, August 30th, 1923, Thunder Bay Lodge No. 618 entertained the M.W. the Grand Master in the Shuniah Club, Whalen Building, at dinner, at

6.00 p.m., after which a social hour was spent when M.W. Bro. W. J. Drope, R.W. Bro. J. B. Way, of Sault Ste. Marie, V.W. Bro. C. S. McComb, Master of Thunder Bay Lodge, and myself, made short speeches.

On the evening of Thursday, August 30th, M.W. Bro. W. J. Drope, Grand Master, constituted and consecrated Thunder Bay Lodge No. 618 in the presence of about 190 members of the Craft. The Grand Master was ably assisted by R.W. Bro. J. B. Way as Deputy G.M., R.W. Bro. H. S. Galloway as D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. F. B. Allen as Grand D. of C. and R.W. Bro. A. J. Bruce as Grand Chaplain. I must also mention the splendid assistance rendered by R.W. Bro. W. J. Ferguson, my predecessor, in arranging for the officers to take part in the ceremony. I wish here to convey my thanks to all the officers who so willingly rendered their able assistance on this occasion.

As it was the wish of the Grand Master that the officers of Thunder Bay Lodge be installed at a subsequent date, and not finding it possible to again make the journey of 600 miles to conduct this ceremony, I delegated authority to my immediate predecessor, R.W. Bro. W. J. Ferguson, to install the officers of this Lodge, which was done on Thursday, October 4th, 1923. I again wish to tender my thanks to R.W. Bro. Ferguson for his great help.

Petition for Dispensation

A petition for a warrant of constitution to form a new lodge was received by me on November 17th, 1923, signed by thirty-one members of the Craft at Emo, Ont. After looking into the situation at Emo I forwarded the petition to the Grand Secretary for the consideration of the Grand Master accompanied by my recommendation. The Grand Master did not feel inclined to grant the dispensation but has referred the matter to the Committee on Warrants at the next meeting of Grand Lodge.

Lodge of Instruction

I issued a dispensation to Pequonga Lodge No. 414 to hold a Lodge of Instruction on May 21st, 1924.

The officers for the occasion were selected from the members of Pequonga, Lake of the Woods and Kee-watin Lodges, with R.W. Bro. G. W. Smith as Worshipful Master and R.W. Bro. H. S. Galloway as D. of C., and assisted by the following Past and Ruling Masters, C. H. Carpenter, J. Brenchley, R. Mitchell, J. M. Adams, H. O. Holden, J. H. Robinson, I. A. Wilson, P. E. Baker and G. F. Doan. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees and the M.M. degree was conferred on Bro. W. J. Fielder. The work was done in an almost faultless manner, very little criticism being offered. Instruction was given in much of the detail work. Many of the intricate points of Masonry were explained and the universal feeling was that this, the first Lodge of Instruction held in this part of the district, had been a decided success. It is hoped that it will be made an annual affair.

Obituary

The year has not been without sorrow. Since our last Annual Communication a number of the brethren have gone to join those silent voyagers.

“Sailing away
To the Mystic Isles, where at anchor lay
The crafts of those who have sailed before
O'er the Unknown Sea to the Unknown Shore.”

Those who have been reported to me are as follows:

V.W. Bro. William Floyd, Granite Lodge No. 446,
Fort Francis, Ont.

Bro. P. L. Teasdale, Senior Warden, Lake of the
Woods Lodge No. 445, Kenora, Ont.

Bro. R. H. Shaw and Bro. William Scotland, both of
Pequonga Lodge No. 414, Kenora, Ont.

We mourn and are sorrowful, not because of their present circumstances, for the true Mason knows that they have but gone to their true and native land, the Grand Lodge above, but rather because they are separated from us. Let us send to them over and

over every happy word and thought and smile, every gladness they gave us while they were with us, for to them it is given to know that when we are happy here they may be happier there. God bless them! the absent ones who are always with us

During the year the Lodges of this district have made grants of over \$2,500.00 for relief. Details cannot be given, but the amount should give you an idea of the work being done and set a mark for your future achievements.

In addition to the above the Masons of Port Arthur are doing a real service for suffering humanity by raising \$4,000.00 to pay for an X-Ray photograph equipment installed in the Port Arthur General Hospital.

• Visitations

Keewatin Lodge No. 417. Sept. 7th, 1923.

I am especially grateful, as indeed I should be, to those of my Mother Lodge. I am ever mindful of the fact that it was through their favor that the rich honors that have come to me from the Craft were made possible. It was to my Mother Lodge, Keewatin No. 417, that I made my first Official Visit and the reception given me that night certainly warmed my heart. There being no degree work, W. Bro. A. B. Johnston opened and closed the Lodge in the three degrees in a splendid style. I addressed the brethren on some of the topics that confront the newly raised brother. Bro. F. Bruce is doing a great work for the Lodge as Secretary.

May 2nd, 1924.

The Lodge having changed its officers in December, I again visited them officially and witnessed W. Bro. J. M. Adams confer the M.M. degree. He was very ably assisted by Past Masters P. E. Baker, J. H. Robinson, A. B. Johnston and E. W. Johnston, the work being done beyond criticism. R. W. Bro. T. J. Cherry and W. Bro. J. H. Robinson introduced me in a very fraternal manner. The small lodge room was crowded. A number of the brethren from Kenora

were in attendance. I spoke of the privileges and opportunities of a Master Mason. After Lodge we adjourned to the "Millers' Lodge," where a splendid banquet was held and many brilliant speeches made. Sioux Lookout Lodge No. 518. April 7th, 1924.

A record attendance of the brethren of Sioux Lookout greeted me on my visit to their Lodge. Witnessed the officers confer the E.A. Degree. The work was well done and all concerned deserve great credit for the work they have done to make this a real live, progressive country Lodge. At the banquet following, appreciative speeches and recitations passed us on to the early hours of the morning. I was given the honor and pleasure of presenting on behalf of the Lodge a Past Master's Jewel to the I.P.M. W. Bro. W. A. Hill. My short stay at Sioux Lookout was made most pleasant and comfortable by W. Bro. W. H. Green, the earnest and beloved Master of the Lodge. The outstanding dues of this Lodge are far too great.

Golden Star Lodge No. 484. April 8th, 1924.

Officially visited the Lodge at regular meeting; attendance about thirty per cent. of members and some visiting brethren. W. Bro. A. E. Berry and officers conferred the F.C. Degree. The work was very nicely done, the Past Master of the Lodge taking part. W. Bro. A. M. Taylor takes a keen interest in Golden Star Lodge and Masonry in general. I gave some instructions in the work and spoke to the brethren on the degree they had conferred. There is every evidence of harmony and concord and the feeling of friendship in this Lodge is splendid. The young secretary, Bro. A. Burton, has made improvement in the Notices and is a credit to the Lodge.

Fort William Lodge No. 415. April 9th, 1924.

Over one hundred members greeted me on my visit to the oldest Lodge in Fort William. A large number of Past Masters were present and assisted W. Bro. Roy Hegel and his officers confer the E.A. Degree. The work was done in a thoroughly impressive and efficient manner. I gave a short paper

on the "Candidate" which seemed to be much appreciated. The Lodge is prosperous and flourishing. W. Bro. Coombes makes a very efficient secretary. I am very much indebted to W. Bro. A. D. Cameron for entertainment during my stay in Fort William.

Granite Lodge No. 446. April 11th, 1924.

Visited this Lodge at an Emergent Meeting. W. Bro. G. A. Hollands and officers, assisted by Past Masters C. J. Hollands, J. W. Walker and W. J. Clark, conferred the E.A. Degree in an exceptionally fine manner. I have not seen better. This Lodge has produced workers of very high class. The attendance was most gratifying, there being nearly one hundred present, including about thirty visiting brethren from over the border. Enthusiasm for the welfare of the Brotherhood is an outstanding feature of these brethren.

At the conclusion of Lodge an "At Home" was held at the City Hall Auditorium, which had been very prettily decorated for the occasion. Here the ladies joined in the social intercourse with the brethren and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It was with deep regret that I had to leave early to catch the train eastward.

Port Arthur Lodge No. 499. April 14th, 1924.

Made my official visit to this Lodge and witnessed the exemplification of the Third Degree in a very efficient manner. I was introduced to the brethren by four Past Masters. This is a flourishing and healthy Lodge. W. Bro. J. C. H. Wink does excellent work and the Lodge is blessed in the person of V. Wor. Bro. A. Rome with a most efficient secretary. The Lodges of Port Arthur have a beautiful temple, the appointments being of the best. I spoke on the symbolism of the M.M. Degree. A most interesting hour was spent in the banquet room.

Royal Lodge No. 453. April 16th, 1924.

Officially visited brethren at an Emergent Meeting and saw the E.A. Degree conferred in a very

impressive manner by W. Bro. R. Dagger, assisted by Past Masters C. A. Goodeve, George Marr, and J. R. Lumby. W. Bro. E. H. North materially assisted at the organ. The Past Masters of Port Arthur and Fort William attended in a body. This Lodge shows a slight decrease, although they had ten initiations. Prospects for the future are very bright.

Connaught Lodge No. 511. April 21st, 1924.

I was introduced to the Lodge by W. Bros. J. F. Bayliff and D. McMillan at a regular meeting. The F.C. Degree was worked in a very nice manner, W. Bro. R. F. Taylor in the Chair. The present Master is very earnest in his work and puts a depth of feeling into the ceremony. This Lodge is very home-like and visitors receive a real fraternal greeting. The Lodge has a splendid outlook.

Shuniah Lodge No. 287. April 22nd, 1924.

The Mother Lodge of the District received me officially at an Emergent Meeting. R.W. Bro. Dobie and W. Bro. F. C. Graham introduced me in a most fraternal manner. It was very pleasant to have present R.W. Bro. W. C. Dobie, who was the first candidate of the Lodge way back in 1872. He has since filled the Masters' Chair three times. The first degree was conferred in a manner becoming the dignity of the first Lodge in the District. They are, of course, blessed with a long list of very able Past Masters, who are always ready to assist. Bro. H. S. H. Goodier, presiding at the organ, is indispensable. The accomplished Master, W. Bro. H. E. Rogers, raised the Lodge to the Third Degree. A very pleasant time was spent at the banquet following.

No doubt this is the peer of the Lodges in this District. They have now 481 members and show the largest increase during the year. Financial standing and prospects of the Lodge are excellent. W. Bro. A. P. Freed is a model secretary and has a fine system.

Thunder Bay Lodge No. 618. April 23rd, 1924.

Visited officially and witnessed the officers confer the E.A. Degree in splendid style. The Master,

V.W. Bro. C. S. McComb and officers are to be heartily congratulated upon their achievement in the constitution of Thunder Bay Lodge. The officers are all enthusiastic and splendidly aggressive. This Lodge is bound to be one of our largest and best.

The Past Masters' Association of Fort William and Port Arthur paid their annual visit to the Lodge on the same evening and it was a pleasure to me to see them confer the F.C. Degree on two candidates. They are to be congratulated on their work. W. Bro. C. A. Goodeve, the President of the Association, occupied the Masters' Chair.

Kaministiquia Lodge No. 584. April 24th, 1924.

At an Emergent Meeting I was very cordially received, when the officers conferred the First Degree on two candidates. W. Bros. F. Symes and H. Faulkner introduced me in a very fraternal manner. W. Bro. R. B. Pow, the Master of the Lodge, does very creditable work, as also does his officers. The attendance was increased by about 25 visitors. I was privileged to start Bro. A. F. Hawkins on his journey in Masonry and it was a great pleasure to me to greet him as a brother of this Noble Craft. There are a number of promising officers coming along and the reputation for good fellowship and good work is likely to be maintained for many years. A very successful banquet followed. The Lodge is making progress.

Pequonga Lodge No. 414. May 7th, 1924.

Paid by official visit and saw the regular officers of the Lodge work the E.A. Degree. This old Lodge still works in a most impressive and correct manner, living up to its traditions and setting the pace of efficient work to the younger Lodges. The zeal for Masonry displayed by the Master, Wor. Bro. H. S. Cade, is wonderful. The brethren of Kenora and Keewatin had the pleasure of hearing him give a very instructive lecture on the M.M. tracing board. The first Master of the Lodge, R. W. Bro. J. K. Brydon, is still present at every meeting and takes a keen interest in the Lodge's affairs. The Lodge is making

steady progress and is in good financial condition. Bro. H. E. Holland makes a splendid secretary.

June 24th, 1924.

Visited and assisted R.W. Bro. G. W. Smith install and invest the officers. It has been expressed that this Installation was the most impressive Masonic Function at this end of the District. Prospects for the future of the Lodge look bright.

Lake of the Woods Lodge No. 445. May 14th, 1924.

Officially visited the Lodge at their regular meeting, when W. Bro. I. A. Wilson and his officers conferred the F.C. Degree. The work was most impressive and the musical part rendered splendidly by W. Bro. C. H. Carpenter. The Lodge is holding its own; membership same as last year. I visit this Lodge often. The secretary, Bro. W. J. Heaney, has his books in fine shape.

Ionic Lodge No. 461.

This is the only Lodge that I failed to visit. However, it was only on account of circumstances over which I had no control. Thirty-two brethren were accompanying me on the Steamer Verbena, making the trip of about 110 miles over the Lake of the Woods to Ionic Lodge at Rainy River and when about half way there Bro. William Scotland had the misfortune to accidentally trip, fall overboard, and was drowned. The body was recovered the following day and on Sunday, June 8th, about 200 brethren laid our departed brother to rest with full Masonic Honors. While we mourn his loss, it is nothing to that which the bereaved wife and children have to bear. I must commend the brave and unhesitating action of Bro. Colin Gray, who jumped into the cold and rough water, in an attempt to save Bro. Scotland's life.

Conclusion

We have had some wonderful meetings, and not the least of the compensation I have found for the time I have spent in the discharge of my duties as

D.D.G.M. has been in the opportunity afforded me to meet the Masons of this jurisdiction in my visits to their Lodges. My hope is that my visits may have given pleasure and will result in profit to the Lodges. At each visit I have endeavored to impress upon the brethren the importance of studying the principles, philosophy and symbolism of our Order. Everywhere I have been showered with hospitality and kindness. Some very kind things have been said about me and my interest in Masonry, which were very greatly appreciated by me.

We can look out upon the future with confidence, firm in the faith that a continuance of those principles and practices by which we have achieved, will still serve best to protect our interests.

Fraternally submitted,

HUBERT S. GALLOWAY, D.D.G.M.,
Algoma District.

BRANT DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I have the honor to submit for your consideration the following report on the condition of Masonry in Brant District No. 23 for the year 1923-24.

I wish to thank the brethren of this District for the honor they conferred on me in electing me to the high and important office of D.D.G.M. I also wish to express my appreciation to the W.M.'s, officers and brethren of the various Lodges throughout this District for the hearty and cordial welcome extended to me on all my official visits.

Upon assuming office of D.D.G.M. I drafted a circular letter to the various Lodges throughout the District.

Free Masonry in Brant District is in a healthy and prosperous condition; enthusiasm and brotherly love seem to exist. Every Lodge seems to be doing its best, and the only rivalry that exists between the Lodges is the friendly rivalry in the exemplification of the work. I found the Secretaries capable and efficient, and the Worshipful Masters and Officers of the various Lodges endeavoring to discharge their duties faithfully.

In all my visits I have endeavored to call the attention of the brethren to the following matters of importance:

The importance of considering carefully the moral worth of each and every candidate; that in every ballot that they deposit, they are called upon to perform a solemn duty, and one which ought to be discharged in a fearless manner. Some Lodges seem to measure their strength in members, rather

than the making of men Masons. An accurate and impressive exemplification of the work conferring one Degree well, rather than several imperfectly.

I believe the work exemplified in Brant District cannot be excelled in any District of this Grand Jurisdiction, and I take great pride in making this statement.

Everywhere I have visited my criticisms have been received with the same Masonic spirit in which I gave them.

I must say that the social side of Free Masonry has been most beautifully exemplified in every Lodge in the District, and again congratulate the brethren on the fraternal spirit that exists among them.

In conclusion let me say that I have endeavored to fulfill my duties as D.D.G.M. to the best of my ability, and I trust satisfactorily. The year just closed will always remain in my memory as one of the most instructive and happy periods of my life.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES S. GRAHAM, D.D.G.M.,
Brant District.

BRUCE DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I tender my report upon the condition of Masonry in the District which I have had the honor to represent.

I have visited each Lodge once officially. Masonry throughout Bruce District No. 24 is in a most promising condition, the conferring of the Degrees uniform; and I can only report harmony and progress from end of the District to the other.

The honor the brethren of this District conferred upon me by electing me to the honorable position of D.D.G.M. has been most heartily appreciated and I wish to assure them that the many kindnesses and courtesies extended to me on my visits will never be forgotten.

It has been my aim while visiting the Lodges not only to help and encourage uniformity of work in the different Lodges but to have the Degrees conferred as impressively as possible.

On arriving home from Grand Lodge I appointed Worshipful Brother G. F. Saunders as District Secretary, and Brother the Rev. W. M. Lee as District Chaplain, to each of whom I am greatly indebted for the assistance rendered in the discharge of their duties. I am also extremely grateful to the brethren who accompanied me on my official visits, particularly R. Wor. Bro. W. J. Loughleen.

Masonry throughout the District is in a prosperous condition.

Membership is increasing not only in numbers but the quality of the members who are admitted insofar as came under my observation is of a very

high character, which goes to show that the example and lives of the members are attracting the very best manhood in the land, and I must not fail to mention the enthusiasm, the harmony, and the progress which are distinctly noticeable in every Lodge in the District.

Made my official visit to Hanover Lodge No. 432 on February 18th. Wor. Bro. Cross conferred the First Degree on a very bright candidate, ably assisted by Wor. Bros. Magee, Gleib and Mills, with musical ritual; no room for criticism. Books were kept in a very creditable manner by Secretary Wor. Bro. Staples. Had the pleasure of meeting Wor. Bro. Brown, of Saskatoon, as a visitor.

My official visit was made to Saugeen Lodge No. 197, Walkerton, on their regular night of meeting, Feb. 11th, where I was greeted by a very large attendance of members and visitors, this being my mother Lodge. It was one of the largest meetings in their history. Wor. Bro. Vogan and officers, assisted by Past Masters Boss and Henderson conferred the First Degree on a very attentive candidate, the work being almost perfect. Wor. Bro. Vogan, being a young man and only installed at the beginning of the year, felt a little nervous but held himself well in hand, his modest and gentlemanly bearing in the conducting the work marks him for further preferment.

Made my official visit to Maple Leaf Lodge No. 462 Tara on the eve of St. Patrick's Day and was greeted by a large number of members and visitors. Very Wor. Bro. McBride, Wor. Bro. Brooks and Wor. Bro. Perkins, of Burns Lodge, graced the proceedings with their presence. There being no candidates for Degrees, Wor. Bro. Tindale and officers exemplified the First Degree on a substitute candidate in a very creditable manner. The books are kept in a very commendable way by Wor. Bro. Shannon, and the Worshipful Master is to be congratulated on having so many Past Masters to assist him in the work when needed. Right Wor. Bro. McDonald being a tower of strength to this Lodge.

Cedar Lodge No. 396, Wiar-ton, I visited officially on March 18th, their regular meeting night. Wor. Bro. Rock and his officers, assisted by R. Wor. Bro. Cameron, R. Wor. Bro. Foster and Wor. Bro. Blue, conferred the Second Degree on a candidate who reflected great credit upon those who had posted and prepared him, after which opened in the Third Degree and then closed down. The work was done in a very exemplary manner. I was very much pleased to have my immediate predecessor, R. Wor. Bro. Campbell visit with us that evening. In looking over the books of the Secretary, Bro. Dobson, I found them kept in a very creditable way. This Lodge must be congratulated upon having included among its Past Masters R. W. Bros. Cameron and Foster, who take such a deep interest in the work and welfare of the Lodge.

Burns Lodge No. 436, Hepworth, I visited officially on March 19th at an Emergent Meeting, the occasion being their annual at home. There were present at the Lodge meeting a number of brethren from Wiar-ton, Tara and Southampton. Wor. Bro. Perkins and his officers, assisted by R. Wor. Bro. Campbell, Very Wor. Bro. McBride and Wor. Bro. Brooks conferred the Third Degree on a well posted and prepared candidate, the use of the musical ritual adding much to the dignity and impressiveness of the work. I examined the books of Secretary Bro. Roseborough and found them in apparently good shape. This Lodge must be very highly commended for the tasteful manner in which they have it furnished. R. Wor. Bro. Campbell, being a Past Master of this Lodge, was no doubt instrumental in advising as to selection of the furniture and furnishings which are very pleasing to the eye, indeed.

St. Lawrence Lodge No. 131, Southampton, I visited officially on March 25th, their regular meeting night. Wor. Bro. Poole and officers, assisted by Wor. Bros. Martin and Speare, conferred the Third Degree on Bro. Rail McVittie in a very creditable manner, their being little, if any, room for criticism; the candidate was well instructed. The finances of the Lodge

are in good condition, and the Lodge is to be congratulated upon having such an efficient Secretary as R. Wor. Bro. Goodier, also R. Wor. Bros. Scott and Burns, who are deeply interested in all that concerns the prosperity of St. Lawrence Lodge.

I paid my official visit to Clifford Lodge No. 315 on the evening of April 21st, their regular meeting night, inclemency of the weather unfortunately interfered materially with the attendance, many of the members being resident some distance in the country. The usual routine was unhappily disarranged by the unavoidable absence of Wor. Master Bro. McIntosh, who was detained by bereavement in his family. Wor. Bro. Robb, assuming the chair in the absence of Wor. Bro. McIntosh, opened and referred very sympathetically to the cause of the absence of the Worshipful Master. After routine business, Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, when the Third Degree was conferred by Wor. Bro. Fulton, Wor. Bro. Taylor taking part, on a well-instructed candidate, the work of the Degree meriting my complete approval.

Harriston Lodge No. 262 I offically visited on their regular meeting night, May 12th, when I was met by a large number of the brethren, including visitors from the surrounding Lodges of Mount Forest, Clifford, Fordwich and Cargill. Wor. Bro. Eedy in the chair, after routine business, opened up in the Second Degree, when the Second was exemplified by Wor. Bro. Howes volunteering to act as substitute for the expected candidate who failed to put in an appearance. I may say that Wor. Bro. Howes was a very well posted candidate but probably not well prepared. The work was very creditably performed and Wor. Bro. Eedy is to be congratulated upon having with him such a number of Past Masters who attend and take such an interest in the work along with the officers; this is as it should be. The Lodge was then opened in the Third Degree and closed down. The books of the Secretary, Wor. Bro. Hucks, are extremely neat and well kept and his notices of meetings are gems.

My official visit was made to Forrest Lodge No. 393, Chelsey, on the 16th of May, where I was met by a very large number of the resident brethren as well as visitors from the surrounding Lodges of Wiar-ton, Hepworth, Southampton and Cargill. Forrest Lodge having acquired new quarters, made applica-tion to the Grand Master to have their new hall dedi-cated, which request was acceded to, and I having been deputed to perform this ceremony I had the pleasure of dedicating the new hall on this evening as instructed by the Grand Master, assisted by R. Wor. Bros. Scott and Burns, of Southampton, R. Wor. Bro. Cameron of Wiar-ton, R. Wor. Bro. Campbell of Hepworth, R. Wor. Bro. McDonald of Tara, and R. Wor. Bro. Ross of Chesley, assisted by Masters and Past Masters of the Lodges of Hepworth, Tara, Walk-erton and Cargill. After the ceremony of Dedication Grand Lodge retired and closed. I then re-entered and was received on my official visit; the Lodge was then opened in the Third Degree. The books and records are well kept by Secretary Wor. Bro. Stevens. On account of the dedication ceremony there was no Degree work put on but Wor. Bro. Smelly and his officers are quite able to put on any of the work most efficiently. After some healthy discussion in which some of the D.D.G.M.'s took part the Lodge then closed.

I visited Moravian Lodge No. 431, Cargill, at a special meeting on May 28th, where I was pleased to meet a large turnout of members as well as a great number of visiting brethren from Tara, Chesley, Walkerton, Paisley and Southampton. In the absence of the Worshipful Master, Past Master Young occu-pied the chair, all the other officers being in their places. This being the Lodge of my adoption, I re-quested R. Wor. Bro. Scott, of St. Lawrence Lodge, Southampton, to criticize the work, which he kindly consented to do. As there was no degree work to put on Wor. Bro. Young opened and closed in the three Degrees. R. Wor. Bro. Scott complimented the Acting Master and officers on their work, in fact intimated the work was almost above criticism. The Lodge is in good financial condition, the dues well

paid up, and the books well kept by the efficient Secretary, W. Bro. Saunders.

Aldworth Lodge No. 235, Paisley, I visited officially on the 30th of May, at a special meeting where I was glad to meet and greet a large number of the brethren, and my reception was all that could be desired. Wor. Bro. Ballachy and his officers opened Lodge and after routine business the Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when this Degree was conferred on a bright candidate in an almost faultless manner, afterward opened in the Third Degree and then closed down. Wor. Bro. Ballachy is to be congratulated upon having such an efficient lot of officers. The books are apparently in good shape as kept by the Secretary Bro. McKerracher.

I visited Port Elgin Lodge No. 429 officially at their regular meeting night on the 12th of June. Wor. Bro. Koebke and his officers opened Lodge in due form and conferred the Second Degree on a well posted candidate, assisted by Wor. Bro. Robertson. The work was put on fairly well, one or two rehearsals would no doubt be beneficial. After closing we repaired to lunch room where a very social hour was spent. The books kept by Wor. Bro. T. B. Cottrice are apparently in good order and the best of harmony prevails.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. SIRRS, D.D.G.M.,

Bruce District.

CHATHAM DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in Chatham District for the year ending June 24th.

I wish to express my appreciation to the brethren of the District in electing me as the first representative of the M.W. the Grand Master in the newly formed Chatham District, and to thank the officers and members of the Lodges throughout the District for the warm fraternal feeling with which I have been received, and for their hearty co-operation in assisting me in the fulfilment of my duties.

We had no Lodge of Instruction in the District during the year. The Lodges in the smaller centres have not the facilities for the accommodation of a Lodge of Instruction, and I thought it would be better to decide the matter finally at the District meeting at this meeting of Grand Lodge.

I was very grateful for the privilege of accompanying the M.W. the Grand Master on his visit to Pnyx Lodge, Wallaceburg, on June 6th.

The Lodge was opened at 3 p.m. and after the reception of the Grand Master and a few short addresses by M.W. Drope and other visiting brethren, the Lodge was closed.

I made my first official visit on Oct. 18th when I visited Lorne Lodge No. 282, Glencoe. Wor. Bro. Mumford and the officers of the Lodge conferred the second degree in a faultless manner. The Secretary had his books in first class shape, and I believe there is no one over 12 months in arrears. Lorne Lodge uses the complete musical ritual in conferring Degrees and in opening and closing, and helps greatly with the impressiveness of the ceremony.

On Oct. 19th I visited Highgate Lodge No. 336, Highgate. The Second Degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. Leverton and his officers. Highgate Lodge is noted for the correctness of the work and the officers this year are right up to the minute in that respect.

Unfortunately the quarters are small but the Lodge makes up for its lack of room by hospitality and good fellowship.

On Oct. 22nd I was received by Howard Lodge No. 391, Ridgetown. Wor. Bro. Freel and his officers conferred the Third Degree and were highly complimented by a large number of visiting brethren.

In Wor. Bro. Routledge the Lodge has an efficient secretary and the prospects of the Lodge are good.

I visited my mother Lodge on Nov. 5th. Wor. Bro. Murphy very kindly called an emergent meeting for my visit.

As seven out of fourteen Lodges in Chatham District meet on Monday night this was a great help to me, for which I was very thankful.

The officers conferred the First Degree. They are all young men and are doing good work.

In spite of wet weather and bad roads there was a good attendance of members and visitors, including R.W. Bro. Kelly of Florence, whom we are always glad to have with us.

On Sept. 24th the brethren presented me with a Past Masters Jewel.

On Nov. 23rd I visited Florence Lodge No. 390. The weather was bad and so were the roads, but there was a fair attendance of members and visitors. Wor. Bro. Streeter and his officers conferred the First Degree in a very able manner.

Florence Lodge has always done good work and I was glad to see that the old-time interest in the work was being kept up.

In Wor. Bro. Beatty the Lodge has an efficient secretary, who looks after the interests of the Lodge.

On Jan. 24th Florence Lodge was unfortunate in loosing everything they had, including their Charter, furniture and regalia, by fire. Wor. Bro. Beatty had the books at home, otherwise the loss would have been much greater. This is the second time that Florence Lodge has been destroyed by fire in the last fifteen years.

On Feb. 20th I visted Parthenon Lodge, Chatham, Wor. Bro. Crouch and the officers of the Lodge conferred the Third Degree in a faultless manner. Parthenon Lodge is the largest Lodge in the District and their work is certainly in keeping with their membership.

R. W. Bro. Draper, who has the distinction of being the last D.D.G.M. of the original Erie District No. 1, is a member of Parthenon, and I am sure is entitled to a great deal of credit for the efficiency of the Lodge. At the conclusion of the meeting a banquet was served which brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

On March 21st I was very glad to be able to accept an invitation to be present at an emergent meeting of Parthenon Lodge when they entertained the officers of St. John's, 209a of London, who conferred the Third Degree in what we call the "Irish Work." There was an assembly of about 1,500 Masons from all over Kent County. At the conclusion of the work the visitors were entertained at a banquet by Parthenon Lodge.

On March 19th I visited Star of the East Lodge, Bothwell, and witnessed the Third Degree conferred by Wor. Bro. Hoover and his officers. Star of the East is in good shape and are to be congratulated on having such an efficient secretary in R. W. Bro. Vincent.

The Lodge is contemplating a move to larger quarters, and I sincerely hope that the Lodge will not suffer in consequence.

On April 14th I visited Kent Lodge, Blenheim. The Second Degree was conferred by Wor. Bro. Brundritt and the officers of the Lodge in a very capable manner. In their new quarters Kent Lodge has one of the best appointed rooms in the District. The room is large and up to date, and has a club room and banquet hall in connection. The Lodge has in W. Bro. Crookshank a very able secretary, the brethren turn out in goodly numbers and the W.M. has the support of several enthusiastic Past Masters.

On April 16th I visited Sydenham Lodge No. 255, Dresden. W. Bro. French and his officers conferred the Second Degree in a very creditable manner. I was very glad to meet R. W. Bro. Jeffs in his own Lodge, also R.W. Bro. Blackwell, who is stationed in Dresden, and who we are pleased to welcome to Chatham District. The secretary is W. Bro. John French, who is in his ninetieth year and whose ability may be judged by the fact that his report shows that there is no member over 12 months in arrears.

On May 12th I visited Pnyx Lodge, Wallaceburg. W. Bro. Rose and his officers conferred the Third Degree and did it well. Pnyx Lodge is in good shape, and should be well looked after spiritually, as the four Protestant ministers of the town are members of the Craft.

On May 14th I visited Century Lodge, Merlin. W. Bro. Stewart and the officers of the Lodge conferred the First Degree very well. During the past year Century Lodge has made good progress, but there are several members who are in arrears for dues, which is not fair to the Lodge. The members are anxious to do good work and a moré frequent study of the constitution would be a great help.

On April 28th I visited jointly, Wellington No. 46 and Victory No. 563 of Chatham. The Lodge was

opened in the Three Degrees, and part of the Third Degree conferred by W. Bro. Keats and the officers of Victory Lodge, after which W. Bro. Stevenson and the officers of Wellington Lodge finished the Degree and closed the Lodge in the three Degrees. The work was well done, but I believe would have been more satisfactory to each W.M. to have conferred the entire Degree. There was a large attendance of brethren, who greatly enjoyed the addresses of Rev. Bro. Orton and Rev. Bro. Hanley.

I made my last official visit with Hammond Lodge, Wardsville, on June 16th. There was a large number of brethren present from Glencoe, Rodney and West Lorne. W. Bro. Mimna and the officers of the Lodge conferred the Second Degree. W. Bro. Mimna is well advanced in years, and I think that he did exceedingly well in his rendition of the Degree. Hammond Lodge has too much money outstanding in dues, and I think some effort should be put forth to collect it, as the Lodge is not in a very satisfactory condition, financially.

Again I wish to thank the brethren throughout the district for my election and the support which I received while discharging the duties of my office, and wish for my successor the same support which I have received.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

ANGUS GRAHAM, D.D.G.M.,
Chatham District.

EASTERN DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

Having completed the year's work as District Deputy Grand Master of Eastern District No. 21 I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the honor bestowed upon the Williamsburg Lodge and upon myself when the Grand Lodge saw fit to choose me at its last session for this position. I have thoroughly enjoyed the work and found it not only very interesting but very instructive. It will be a year in my life that I will always look back to with fond memories.

The outstanding event of the year was the dedicating of the Maxville Lodge room, at which time the Grand Master, being unable to attend, asked me to act as his substitute. A fuller report of this meeting will be given under the individual Lodge.

In dealing with the individual Lodges time and space will not permit me to mention all the kind acts of hospitality shown me during the year. The spirit of the brethren was excellent and on every occasion, any comment that I might make would be complimentary.

Report of Lodges

Henderson Lodge, Winchester, No. 383.

My first official visit was to this Lodge on Feb. 15th, 1924. It was a very interesting and pleasant evening. This Lodge is to be complimented on its well furnished, beautiful quarters and also on the efficiency of its officers. Wor. Bro. F. Coons, the secretary, has the books in excellent condition and the other officers are very competent. As there was no degree work the Lodge was opened and closed in the three Degrees by the Worshipful Master.

Chesterville Lodge No. 320.

The evening of Feb. 18th, 1924, that I spent with this Lodge was a decided success. The environment of this Lodge is exceptionally favorable, as they own a splendid, well-furnished Lodge room. Their secretary Rt. Wor. Bro. Elliot has the records in excellent condition. There being no Degree work to perform the officers opened and closed the Lodge in three Degrees. It was done remarkably well as this was the first meeting after installation.

Friendly Brothers' Lodge, Iroquois No. 143. Visited March 19th, 1924.

At this visit I was very fortunate in having with me Rt. Wor. Bro. Harkness, P.D.D.G.M. At the initiation which took place the officers conducted themselves in an excellent manner. After the initiation Wor. Bro. Woods, who has been an efficient secretary of this Lodge for 14 years, delivered the charge in his usual forceful manner, to the new members extemporaneously. This Lodge is in fine condition, having a membership of 135 members and steadily growing.

Cardinal Lodge No. 491.

This Lodge I visited on Friday evening, April 4th, 1924, and was royally received. The officers worked the First Degree in superb style. This Lodge is in the hands of capable officers for 1924. I was favored by a deputation of brethren from my own Lodge. Cardinal Lodge is in good condition and made my evening a very pleasant one.

Avonmore Lodge No. 452. Visited April 15th, 1924.

At this meeting the Second Degree was performed by the officers in a very creditable manner. This Lodge has suffered a loss of members by the starting of a Lodge in Finch. The evening was pleasantly spent with the members in the comfortable Lodge room. The attendance was good but there were no visitors present.

Farran's Point Lodge No. 256. Visited April 16th, 1924.

A very pleasant evening was spent at this very old Lodge in the well furnished Lodge room which they are fortunate in owning. One candidate was passed in a very acceptable manner. The secretary, Rt. Wor. Bro. Hanes, has the records in excellent condition.

Excelsior Lodge, Morrisburg, No. 142. Visited April 18th, 1924.

The Past Masters put on the Third Degree and the Wardens performed their work all in fine style. They have excellent quarters, having in addition to a beautiful Lodge room a club room. This is one of the older Lodges.

Finch Lodge No. 557. Visited April 29th, 1924.

An emergent meeting was called for the special purpose of receiving the D.D.G.M. A fine reception was prepared and a very pleasant evening spent. They put on the Entered Apprentice Degree in fine style. The officers are all very good, especially Rev. Wilson the Worshipful Master. For a young Lodge they have fine quarters and have a bright future.

Plantagenet Lodge No. 1866, Riceville. Visited May 12th, 1924.

Owing to inclement weather the meeting at this Lodge was not very satisfactory, the attendance was small, and the Wor. Master was not present. In spite of this the Entered Apprentice Degree was put on in a satisfactory way. The Rt. Wor. Bro. Sheppard, P.D.D.G.M., is an anchor to this Lodge. This Lodge is composed of rural members, most of whom live at a distance. Nevertheless, they have good quarters, are out of debt, and are in good condition.

Cornwall Lodge No. 125. Visited May 7th, 1924.

Here I was accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. Carson, Rt. Wor. Bro. Davy, Wor. Bro. Marsh and Wor. Bro. Duprau. The evening was pleasantly spent. The offi-

cers put on the Entered Apprenticed Degree exceedingly well. This is a very old Lodge, although the members are mostly young, the older members not attending. The Lodge is in good condition and is to be congratulated on its officers.

St. John's Lodge No. 21-A, Vankleek Hill. Visited May 13th, 1924.

A splendid meeting was held here, all the officers being present. Rt. Wor. Bro. McRae, P.D.D.G.M., and Rt. Wor. Bro. Bradley, P.D.D.G.M., were present on this occasion. The Third Degree was put on in grand style. This is a very historic Lodge and Masonry is well attended to here.

Alexandria Lodge No. 439. Visited May 14th, 1924.

In spite of an unpleasant rainy evening we had a good attendance at this meeting. We were favored with the presence of Rt. Wor. Bro. Nickolson. The officers put on the Third Degree very well. They have a fine Lodge room which will soon have to be dedicated.

Hawkesbury Lodge No. 450. Visited May 14th, 1924.

The Entered Apprenticed Degree was put on in very good style. This Lodge is handicapped in its situation as it is on the banks of the Ottawa River in the County of Prescott and the population is mostly French. Nevertheless, the Lodge is a thrifty one.

Maxville Lodge No. 418. Visited May 30th, 1924.

My visit to this Lodge was a special occasion, as the Lodge rooms were dedicated. The Grand Master asked me to act in his place. I was assisted by Rt. Wor. Bro. Nickolson, of Lancaster, Rt. Wor. Bro. Sheppard, of Plantagenet Lodge, Rt. Wor. Bro. Bradley, of Alexandria Lodge, Rt. Wor. Bro. McRae, of St. John's Lodge, and Rt. Wor. Bro. Shanks, of Ottawa, and a number of Past Masters of various Lodges. We conducted the impressive service of dedication, after which the Lodge was closed in form and

we repaired to the banquet hall where we spent a very enjoyable evening.

Lancaster Lodge No. 207. Visited June 10th, 1924.

This very old Lodge is situated in excellent quarters, which they own, in the village of Lancaster. A candidate was initiated in a fine manner; after which the Junior Warden lectured in a very excellent style; his address was a real treat. They have an efficient secretary in Rt. Wor. Bro. Nickolson and the work is well in hand. The Lodge is in a prosperous condition. Martintown Lodge No. 596. Visited June 16th, 1924.

This is the Junior Lodge of the District and I noted their prospects with great interest. I was well received and made welcome by the brethren. Their quarters are small but comfortable. The Third Degree was put on very carefully and in good shape. I predict for them a bright and successful future.

Wales Lodge No. 458. Visited June 16th, 1924.

I had a pleasant visit to this Lodge; was royally welcomed by the brethren. This is a very strong Lodge both numerically and financially. Practically all the due are paid up till the end of 1923. Their quarters are small but they soon expect to erect new ones. The Entered Apprenticed Degree was put on in a creditable manner. This Lodge is in good condition.

Williamsburg Lodge No. 480. Visited June 24th, 1924.

On this occasion I was accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. Sweet, P.D.D.G.M. As there was no Degree work to perform, the officers opened and closed the Lodge in the three Degrees in a very efficient manner. Williamsburg Lodge is maintaining its reputation for painstaking careful work. Their secretary, Wor. Bro. J. A. Barkley, is a real good man. Masonry is well looked after in this Lodge.

On the whole I found the condition of Masonry in good shape throughout the District. The spirit of

brotherhood is prevalent everywhere. The work was comparatively easy; no unpleasant circumstances arose to mar the smoothness of the year's work. The thought I wish to leave with the brethren is—the Mason is not only a Mason in the Lodge Room but his whole life must be permeated with the spirit of Masonry.

I wish once more to thank the members of the Grand Lodge for my appointment and the brethren of this District for their efforts to make my work pleasant and light.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

C. F. WHITTEKER, D.D.G.M.,
Eastern District.

FRONTENAC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Members of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

With very great pleasure I herewith present my report of my official acts and the condition of Masonry in the Frontenac District, and I wish to express my very great and sincere appreciation of the honor conferred on me by the brethren of the District in electing me as the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in this District.

I wish to thank all the Lodges for their never-failing hospitality and courtesy extended to me on every occasion, and particularly do I wish to thank R. W. Bro. P. H. Burke, P.D.D.G.M., for his kind and valuable assistance at many of my visits.

My first official act was the appointment of W. Bro. Rev. J. H. H. Coleman as District Chaplain and W. Bro. John Wood Thompson as District Secretary.

Visits

Sept. 24, 1923.—My first official visit was made to Prince Arthur Lodge No. 228 at the Village of Odessa. The meeting was called principally in an effort to raise funds to make some needed improvements to the Lodge building and was fairly successful. There was no work done but there was a good attendance of the members and also there were many visitors from Lodges in the near vicinity; among them were R.W. Bro. Burke and his orchestra.

Oct. 18, 1923.—Rideau Lodge No. 460 Seeley's Bay was my next visit and I want to thank Bro. J. B. Willoughby, M.D., for his kindness on this occasion. There was no work done but the Lodge was opened and closed in the several Degrees and the officers proved themselves well grounded in the work. R.W. Bro. Burke was again to the fore with his orchestra and a deputation of Kingston brethren.

Oct. 23, 1923.—St. Andrew's Lodge No. 497 at Arden, in the North, was visited and though they had no work the officers showed they were proficient by the excellent manner in which they opened and closed the Lodge in the several Degrees.

Nov. 2, 1923.—Westport Lodge No. 441, Westport, was visited on this date and the Third Degree was conferred by W. Bro. Barker and his officers in a highly creditable manner, being assisted by W. Bro. J. R. Gorrell, the oldest Past Master of the Lodge. This Lodge was burned in December, 1922, but now has very comfortable and commodious quarters and is well equipped.

Nov. 30, 1923, Queen's Lodge No. 578, Kingston, requested me to instal and invest the officers for the ensuing year, which was done, and in which ceremony I was most ably and acceptably assisted by W. Bro. H. A. Carscallen, of Victoria Lodge, Centreville.

Dec. 12, 1923.—I was present at the special communication of Grand Lodge held at Kingston, when the beautiful Masonic Temple was dedicated to Masonry by M.W. Bro. W. J. Drope, the Grand Master. The Lodges of the Limestone City now have a home of which they may be justly proud.

Feb. 5th, 1924, was the date of my appointment to visit Minden Lodge No. 253, Kingston, but I was unable to attend on account of illness, but at my request R. W. Bro. Burke represented me, and added one more to the list of my debts to him.

March 14, 1924.—Union Lodge No. 9, Napanee, is my mother Lodge and I am proud of it having been initiated in August, 1881. W. Bro. W. J. Wiggins and his officers are well up in the work and I feel confident that old Union is in good hands.

April 3rd, 1924, the date of my visit to the Ancient St. John's Lodge No. 3, the oldest Lodge in the District. Work in the Second Degree was splendidly done by W. Bro. Gibson and his efficient staff of officers.

I was also present at a social evening by this Lodge on April 24th, and a very pleasant and enjoyable time was spent by a large attendance of brethren and their ladies.

April 18, 1924.—Albion Lodge No. 109, Harrow-smith, was visited and the initiation of a candidate was well done by the W. M. and his officers. They contemplate enlarging the Lodge room, which would be great improvement.

April 25, 1924.—Royal Edward Lodge No. 585, Kingston, was my next visit, when the initiation of a candidate was put on with musical ritual by the W.M. and his excellent staff of officers. This Lodge is apparently making good progress.

April 28, 1924.—Simpson Lodge No. 157, Newboro, exemplified their ability to do the work by initiating a candidate in a very creditable manner. They have recently removed their Lodge rooms to a more convenient site and have enlarged them.

April 29, 1924.—Westport Lodge No. 441, Westport, was the scene of a Special Communication of Grand Lodge, the Most Worshipful Bro. W. J. Drope, the Grand Master, having requested me to represent him in the ceremony of dedicating Westport Lodge rooms, in which ceremony I was most ably and acceptably assisted by R.W. Brothers P. H. Burke and A. W. Gray, P.D.D.G.M.'S of the District. Westport now has a comfortable and convenient Lodge room nicely furnished.

May 9, 1924.—Maple Leaf Lodge No. 119, Bath, exemplified their proficiency in the work when W. Bro. Cuppage and his officers conferred the Third Degree in a very efficient manner, and there being a large attendance of visitors from Kingston and Napanee and other Lodges in the vicinity.

May 14, 1924.—Prince of Wales Lodge No. 146, Newburgh, was the scene of a large and enthusiastic gathering of Masons from the surrounding Lodges. The W.M. and his officers performed the initiation of a candidate in a very creditable manner.

May 16, 1924.—Lorne Lodge No. 404, Tamworth. Had no work but opened and closed the Lodge in the three Degrees in a proficient manner.

June 10, 1924.—Leeds Lodge No. 201, Gananoque, was visited when W. Bro. Ward and his officers conferred the Third Degree in a highly creditable manner. I was royally received by the brethren and had a very enjoyable time, meeting some old time friends among them whom were R. W. Bro. Lott and W. Brothers Davis, Webster, Battams and others.

June 12, 1924.—Victoria Lodge No. 299, Centreville, had no work, as this was their election of officers. However, I can vouch for their ability to do the work properly, as I have seen on several occasions in the past.

June 13, 1924.—Frontenac Lodge U.D., Sharbot Lake, was the scene of my last official visit and a very pleasant one, as it was my first visit to this pretty village and that I met an old friend in the person of W. Bro. M. R. Reid, the Master of Frontenac Lodge U.D., under whose guidance the Lodge has been since it was instituted and has made such favorable progress. The initiation of a candidate by W. Bro. Reid and his officers was well done. The finances of the Lodge are in good condition and the Lodge rooms are commodious and comfortable and nicely furnished, having everything necessary for the work of the Lodge, and I unhesitatingly recommend that Frontenac Lodge U.D. be granted a Charter at the coming communication of Grand Lodge.

In conclusion I want to say that uniformity prevails and harmony reigns throughout the District, that the progress of Masonry has been substantial during the year, and I hope the loyal and generous support accorded me will be extended to my successor.

Fraternally submitted,

J. G. FENNELL, D.D.G.M.,
Frontenac District.

GEORGIAN DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I have the honor and privilege of submitting this, my report, upon the condition of Masonry in Georgian District for the Masonic year just closing.

The confidence shown by the representatives of this District in electing me to the honorable position of D.D.G.M. for this splendid District has been deeply appreciated and an honest effort has been made to measure up to the responsibilities of the office. By courteous and kindly admonition in my visits throughout the District, it has been my aim to carry to them the prevailing spirit of optimism, and to keep warm the home fires of Masonry in every Lodge by preservation of harmony and charity to all men, as well as careful attention to the ceremonial and social side of our Order. My wish has been to encourage rather than criticize, bearing in mind the motto, "admonish with candor, but reprimand with mercy."

W. Bro. (Rev.) C. R. Spencer, as District Chaplain, and W. Bro. J. D. Wisdom as District Secretary, have rendered splendid service and to them as well as the host of P.D.D.G.M.'s, P.M.'s and members of the various Lodges, who have helped to make the duties of office pleasant and profitable, I owe a deep debt of gratitude.

Briefly, I would like to comment upon a few matters coming under my observation during the year.

(1) The rulings of D.D.G.M.'s from year to year seem to vary somewhat, confusing in some Lodges. Could it not be arranged for the D.D.G.M.'s to attend a General Lodge of Instruction each year before starting out on their visits?

The difficulty of holding Lodges of Instruction in our Districts owing to insufficient accommodation

has suggested the thought that a District Lodge of Instruction might be held for P.M.'s, W.M.'s and Wardens of Lodges, once a year, in the District, which would tend to securing a more clear understanding of the uniformity so essential in our Lodge work.

I have made a point of examining secretaries' records in all Lodges, and making friendly comments with view to securing uniformity and safe-guarding the business side of our Lodge. Generally speaking, the condition is most satisfactory.

Emphasis has been laid upon methods of keeping up Lodge attendance, encouraging the use of the Musical Ritual, secrecy in Lodge matters, care in handling of Lodge notices by individual members, thorough posting of candidates, and by exemplification of a Board of Trial in each Lodge explaining the important duties of Past Masters in examination of visitors.

Encouragement of fraternal visits among our Lodges has been another matter taken up vigorously, and will no doubt bring forth good fruit.

One of the most prominent features of the year has been the excellent tone and dignity of discussion, speech and song, both in the Lodge and at the banquet room, and there is a definite tendency to keep Masonry on a high plane in keeping with the teachings of our Institution.

The death of M.W. Bro. Henry Robertson, K.C., Collingwood, came as a distinct shock to the District, where he will be missed, and particularly in Manito Lodge No. 90, Collingwood. He was buried with all the respect and reverence due to a brother of his exalted rank Sept. 21st, 1923, but his memory lives in the Masonic works of which he was the author.

DEDICATION

By direction of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, a special communication of Grand Lodge was convened at Stroud at 4.00 p.m., Feb. 19th, 1924. A

large number of P.D.D.G.M.'s, W.M.'s and P.M.'s were present. The new Lodge room of Minerva No. 304 was duly dedicated according to established usage in the presence of a large assembly of the Craft. This Lodge is to be congratulated upon its splendid new quarters which are furnished in excellent shape. A banquet followed served in a manner in keeping with the well known hospitality of the Stroud brethren. A pleasant social hour was spent in speech and song. W. Bro. A. W. Green, whose zeal for the interests of Masonry and Minerva in particular, is well known throughout the District, presented a carefully prepared historical review of the Lodge. This Lodge was formed in 1873, the late M.W. Bro. H. Robertson, then D.D.G.M. Toronto District, being present representing Grand Lodge.

Generally speaking, I found the Masters very competent, the growth of the Order satisfactory, the records in splendid condition, Lodges properly equipped, and secretaries alive to their duties.

Visits

Sept. 28th, 1923. Accompanied W.M., officers and a large number of brethren from Kerr Lodge No. 230, Barrie, on a fraternal visit to Orillia Lodge No. 192. The Barrie brethren exemplified the First Degree, with musical ritual, and were entertained right royally.

October 11th, 1923. Visited Corinthian Lodge No. 96, Barrie, when the officers of St. Andrew Lodge No. 16, Toronto, were guests of the Barrie brethren. The Second Degree was exemplified in splendid manner by the Past Masters of Corinthian Lodge and officers of St. Andrew's Lodge.

December 6th, 1923. Georgian Lodge No. 348, Penetanguishene. A Third Degree was exemplified in excellent manner by W. Bro. Craig, and his capable officers. V.W. Bro. Keefe, as secretary, R.W. Bro. W. J. Martin and a fine lot of Past Masters are keeping this Lodge in good condition.

December 27th, 1923. Attended installation of W.M. and officers of Corinthian Lodge, Barrie. R.W. Bro. Alex. Cowan installed the officers in his usual capable manner, assisted by other P.D.D.G.M.'s and P.M.'s.

January 24th, 1924. Officially visited Kerr Lodge No. 230, Barrie (my mother Lodge), and was received most cordially. The officers of this Lodge are young, enthusiastic and loyal; the finances are in splendid shape, and a steady growth in membership points the way to prosperity. A First Degree was exemplified with Musical Ritual and Orchestral accompaniment. Bro. (Rev.) David Wren, of Midland, gave a very eloquent address at the banquet table, on Masonry and its connection with the Empire.

February 5th, 1924. Beaver Lodge No. 234, Clarksburg. A Second Degree was worked in a very creditable manner. This Lodge is striving to maintain its reputation of former years, and is well officered. A pleasing feature at the banquet table was the presentation of an address to R.W. Bro. Pye, P.D.D.G.M., who on February 3rd, 1924, had celebrated his fiftieth anniversary of membership in Beaver Lodge. He is held in highest esteem by his brethren.

February 19th, Minerva Lodge No. 304, Stroud. A First Degree was exemplified in a manner which left little room for criticism. This Lodge is to be complimented upon the loyalty of its P.M.'s and members.

March 7th, Orillia Lodge No. 192. A First Degree was exemplified in excellent manner. This is the largest Lodge in the District and is in flourishing condition. The plans for their new Masonic quarters are under way and will doubtless be a credit to the town and the Masonic fraternity of the District. At the banquet table, fourteen Past Masters were presented with jewels and an interesting resumé of the progress of the Order in Orillia delivered by R.W. Bro. W. H. Tudhope; also an eloquent address from Bro. (Rev.) McGillivray, D.D.

March 11th. Manito Lodge No. 90, Collingwood, witnessed Third Degree conferred in excellent manner. This Lodge ranks high in the District under the continued supervision of R.W. Bro. C. T. Stephens. While there it was a pleasure to examine the collection of historical relics in the Huron Institute and it prompted the thought that Masonic Lodges might, with profit, adopt the plan of preserving records and relics for historical purposes.

March 24th, Tottenham Lodge No. 467. There being no candidate available, the evening was spent in discussion. The P.M.'s are enthusiastic and the future prospects bright.

April 1st. Pythagoras Lodge No. 137, Meaford. Witnessed a Third Degree worked in excellent manner. This Lodge is well officered and is maintaining its splendid reputation of the past.

April 3rd. Corinthian Lodge No. 96, Barrie. W. Bro. Charles Lower and his officers conferred the First Degree in an exemplary manner, with full musical ritual, leaving no room for criticism. This Lodge is thriving and ably supported by capable Past Masters. Bro. (Hon.) E. C. Drury delivered an address on the "British Empire," which was appreciated by a large number present.

April 14th. Caledonian Lodge No. 249, Midland. W. Bro. Smith conferred the Third Degree in excellent manner to the accompaniment of the musical ritual. Excellent addresses and music at the banquet table concluded an enjoyable evening's visit. R.W. Bro. Keller takes a keen interest in the welfare of the Lodge.

April 15th. Earl Kitchener Lodge No. 538, Port McNicoll. This is the youngest Lodge in the District. The work of the officers was most creditable and although handicapped by small population this Lodge is apparently justifying its organization. The neighboring Lodges sent a splendid representation of Past Masters.

April 22nd. Manitoba Lodge No. 236, Cookstown. The officers of this Lodge are capable and enthusiastic. A Second Degree was exemplified in very good manner. W. Bro. Banting, P.M., was presented with a Past Master's jewel. The Lodge is taking hold of the musical ritual and their example should call upon others to do so.

April 30th. Victoria Lodge No. 470, Victoria Harbor. The officers of this Lodge do their work in very creditable manner and under the watchful eye of R.W. Bro. Brown, the Lodge is doing splendid work.

May 2nd. Coronation Lodge No. 466, Elmvale. W. Bro. Black and officers exemplified a Second Degree in a very capable manner. A large number of brethren from Barrie and other Lodges enjoyed their hospitality to the fullest; excellent addresses and music featured the festive board.

May 6th. Nitititis Lodge No. 444, Creemore. The officers exemplified the work of the First Degree in able manner. The Lodge is striving to maintain its past good record and I have no doubt of its future.

May 12th. Spry Lodge No. 385, Beeton. The officers of this Lodge are fully capable and exemplified their work in a creditable manner.

May 15th. Karnak Lodge No. 492, Coldwater. This Lodge is well equipped, the officers young and enthusiastic. The work was well done. A splendid social entertainment followed the work in the Lodge room.

May 22nd. Seven Star Lodge No. 285, Alliston. The First Degree was conferred in splendid manner by the officers of the Lodge. Enthusiastic and capable Past Masters are a tower of strength to the Lodge. The social side was splendidly taken care of.

May 27th. Northern Light Lodge No. 266, Stayner. The First Degree was conferred in most able manner. The general condition of the Lodge is excellent and a splendid evening concluded my official visits in the District.

In abbreviating somewhat upon the proceedings of the official visits, I hope it will be accepted as in the interest of curtailing the length of the report.

As representative of the Grand Master, the Lodges have been most courteous and hospitable, also shown a keen interest in the fraternity as well as a desire to receive suggestions and information tending to an even better understanding of all that goes to make our Ancient and Honorable Society worthy of the highest commendation.

With Fraternal Regards,

W. N. DUFF, D.D.G.M.,
Georgian District.

GREY DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I have great pleasure in submitting for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in Grey District for the Masonic year ending June 30th, 1924.

I wish to express my appreciation for the great honor conferred upon me by my brethren of the District in electing me to the honorable position of District Deputy; also for the whole hearted support accorded me during the year. I appointed Wor. Bro. C. J. Bellamy, of Prince Arthur Lodge No. 333, of Flesherton, District Secretary, and cannot speak too highly of the splendid service and support rendered by him during the year. I also appointed Bro. Rev. W. Duffield, of Maxwell, District Chaplain, and who accompanied me to several Lodges and gave several addresses on Masonry.

The condition of Masonry taken as a whole in Grey District exceeded my expectations and I found the twelve Lodges working in harmony and living up to the high-water mark, due no doubt to the tact, push and principles of the Past District Deputy Grand Masters, the W.M. and officers of the various Lodges, and I can freely say that I found in every Lodge the principles of Masonry being upheld with truth, honor and justice. Owing to a severe accident which nearly cost me my life, I was unable to visit the Lodges earlier than I did.

On May 12th I visited Scott Lodge No. 421, G.R.C. W. Bro. A. Menary and his officers exemplified the First Degree in a very creditable manner upon the son of Wor. Bro. W. Logan Craig, who also took part in the service. This Lodge is extremely fortunate in having such men as Rt. Wor. Bro. R. W. Scott, the founder of the Lodge, still able to guide and control

the younger brethren. The Lodge room meets all the present requirements and is in good order.

May 13th I visited Harris Lodge No. 216, Orangeville. At 7.30 p.m. the W.M. Bro. Dr. W. J. Price opened the Lodge in the several Degrees in a perfect manner and as the Dufferin and Harris Lodges fraternized I requested that no Degree work be done, as we were all desirous of hearing Rt. W. Bro. J. A. Rowland, K.C., of Toronto, D.G.M. of Grand Lodge, and Rt. W. Bro. Thomas Forsythe, immediate P.G.J.W. The D.G.M., in his address, dealt briefly with the origin and early history of Masonry, and gave a definition of the nature and purpose of the craft, and also a very remarkably concise enunciation of the great principles for which it stands. Harris Lodge has efficient, aggressive officers backed up by the Venerable R.W. Bro. Robert Irvine, P.D.D.G.M., the oldest member of Harris Lodge, and Colonel J. A. Preston, P.D.D.G.M., and others. W. Bro. A. T. Howard has his books in perfect condition and is efficient in his work. Harris Lodge needs new quarters on account of growth.

On May 14th I paid my official visit to St. George's and North Star Lodges, Owen Sound, and was most cordially received by the brethren, of whom there were a very large number present. Wor. Bro. Fraser Campbell and officers exemplified the work of the First Degree in a very creditable manner, then W. Bro. N. H. Wilson and his officers exemplified the Second Degree in a very acceptable manner. Both Lodge officers left no room for criticism. The work of both Lodges was nobly done. The secretaries have their books in order and the lodge room, newly decorated, is a credit to the craft.

Wellington Lodge No. 271, Erin, was visited on May 15th. The work of the evening was the exemplification of the Second Degree by W. Bro. C. K. Overland and officers. This Degree was given in a very creditable manner. This Lodge has new quarters and is prospering under the guidance of several P. D. D. G. M.'s, Bros. W. Conboy, Dr. J. M. Abbott and J. D. Leitch, who are ever ready to assist the W.M. and

officers in their work. W. Bro. T. C. Foster, secretary, has his books strictly up to date and is a very efficient officer.

May 16th Prince Arthur Lodge No. 333, Flesher-ton, was visited. The ceremony of conferring the First Degree could hardly be improved on. Special mention might be made about the charge as given by J.W. Bro. Tom Phillips clear and correctly pronounced. Acting-Secretary W. Bro. Blackburn keeps an exemplary set of books.

May 19th. Dundalk Lodge No. 499. Dundalk was visited by me on this night. I was pleased to return to the Lodge to which I belonged when I received the present honor of D.D.G.M. and where I had the privilege of raising my two sons. I found W. Bro. L. Champ and his officers fully prepared to work the several Degrees. The First Degree was exemplified in a faultless manner and Dundalk Lodge is now equipped with the most perfect equipment in the Grey District. Several Past Masters were present. This Lodge room will be dedicated on June 25th by the G.M., W. J. Drope, M.A. The Lodge books are a credit to Secretary W. Bro. H. Moody.

On May 20th I visited Hiram Lodge No. 490 Markdale. The First Degree was exemplified by W. Bro. S. A. Morrison; then the Lodge raised to the Third Degree. The work was fairly well done. This Lodge is very well equipped for conferring Degrees and is in a prosperous condition. The J.W.'s work was well done. Rt. Wor. Bro. T. Reburn, Grand Steward, has always taken a deep interest in this Lodge and with other P.W.M.'s keeps the land-marks of Masonry in good order.

May 21st, for my inspection, Lorne Lodge No. 377, Shellbourn, put on the Second Degree in a faultless manner which was creditable to W. Bro. Robert J. Pickering and his staff of splendid officers. During the year the introduction of the musical ritual under the guidance of a splendid Masonic choir added interest to the work. Perfect accord and enthusiasm help to make this Lodge one of the best in the District.

Each candidate is required to give proof of his proficiency in the M.M. Degree before receiving his apron, which is presented by the Lodge. Rt. W. Bro. White and Rt. W. Bro. Mills, P.D.D.G.M., were present and many P.M.'s also. W. Bro. Samuel Patterson, secretary, has his books in excellent condition.

On May 22nd, I visited Prince Arthur Lodge No. 334, Arthur. Owing to the unavoidable absence of W. Bro. F. W. Caldwell, P.M. Thomas Wilson presided and opened and closed the Lodge in the several Degrees. The Lodge room has recently been re-decorated and the equipment is in good order. The Secretary, W. Bro. J. Hardman, has the Lodges books in good condition.

On May 27th, by direction of the M.W. the Grand Master, I dedicated the new Lodge rooms of Durham No. 306. This new home marks the entrance of a new era in Masonry in Durham. The Lodge under the capable leadership of W.M. E. D. McClocklin has an aggressive spirit and is moving forward in the right direction. The other officers proved themselves worthy assistants to the work. Many P.D.D.G.M.'s were present, and with twenty-eight Past Masters assisted in the dedication service. A pleasing feature of the evening's work was the unveiling of a fine portrait of Bro. James Burt nearly ninety years of age, who has always stood up for Temperance, Purity and Justice in the Lodge. V. W. Bro. E. A. Hay has the books in good order and it is certain that Durham Lodge is prospering spiritually.

On June 13th, at my request, P.D.D.G.M. Dr. J. F. Grant visited St. Alban's Lodge No. 200 and reports as follows: St. Albans, Mount Forest, is one of the oldest Lodges in the District and is in a strong position financially and otherwise. This Lodge elects its officers every two years and as this was the night of the election, there was no Degree work put on. W. Bro. E. E. Broughton has done excellent work during his term of office. W. B. Le Warne makes a capable secretary and the brethren did wisely in electing him for the next two years. W. Bro. Gow and Bro. Dale, veterans of this Lodge, were present and enjoyed the

proceedings. The land-marks are well guarded in St. Albans Lodge.

I wish to state that in every Lodge throughout the District of Grey I have found the Junior officers well trained, the books well kept and in the hands of efficient secretaries, the Lodge rooms clean, cool and plenty of fresh air, due no doubt to the erection of electric fans and proper ventilation.

In every Lodge were prepared banquets and the true social side of life was enjoyed to the full, speeches, song and recitation along Masonic lines were given and many hours spent in true fellowship.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren of Grey District for their hearty co-operation and the happy congenial manner in which they treated me during sojourn among them.

Fraternally submitted,

W. G. BLACKWELL, D.D.G.M.,
Grey District.

HAMILTON, DISTRICT A.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I have the honor to submit my report for your consideration on the condition of Masonry in Hamilton District A during the past Masonic year.

I first wish to convey to the brethren of the District my deep appreciation of the high honor conferred upon me and St. Clair Lodge in electing me to this important and distinguished position as representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. I want to take this opportunity of thanking the Rt. W. Bros., W. Bros. and brethren who, by their wise counsel and assistance, have greatly helped me in the work. I have endeavored to discharge the duties of this high office to the best of my ability and the true interests of Masonry. I have given much time and thought to the work and hope I still retain the confidence the brethren placed in me.

I received nothing but the most gracious kindness, co-operation and good will of the brethren of this District. It would be impossible to receive any person with greater consideration than the reception that was given me and these visits will always remain with me as a most tender recollection.

My first official act on assuming office was the appointment of a District Secretary, which was accepted by W. Bro. Dr. R. K. Anderson, M.P. for Halton County. Although very busy with his parliamentary duties he spared neither time or energy in assisting me in the work and it is a great credit to the District to have a man of his calibre as District Secretary. I also appointed W. Bro. Canon Naftel as District Chaplin. He has been a tower of strength to me on many occasions. I wish also to thank the W. Bros. and brethren who accompanied me on my visits. I appreciate the interest very much. I would especially mention W.

Bros. Sproat, G. H. Robinson, G. W. McKenzie, S. R. Bews and Bros. Davison and Lecouq. I also received the most kind and thoughtful assistance from V. W. Bro. Hawkins.

At the regular meeting of St. Clair in September the regalia of my office was presented to me by R.W. Bro. H. A. Graham and R. W. Bro. C. E. Kelly, who very kindly consented to make the presentation at the request of W. Bro. T. D. Hume, W.M. of St. Clair. We were favored by a very eloquent and instructive address by R.W. Bro. Graham and R.W. Bro. C. E. Kelly.

On their invitation I also attended a meeting of the Ruling Master and Wardens' Association, where we discussed many topics of interest to the various Lodges and to Masonry in general. This organization is doing wonderful work in promoting harmony and good will and co-operation among the brethren.

I visited all the Lodges once and some of them oftener. I find the condition of Masonry to be most flourishing and prosperous. The work is performed in a splendid way, the officers are efficient and take a very active interest in the work of their respective Lodges, the members are attentive and enthusiastic. The work of the secretaries should be commented on, they are efficient, prompt in correspondence, and keep the books and records of the Lodges neat and accurate. Past Masters usually hold these positions and some P.D.D.G.M.'s. Some of the secretaries are remarkable in the way they keep their books and are worthy of imitation.

In my addresses to the various Lodges I have endeavored to stimulate a greater interest in everything pertaining to Masonry, especially to endeavor by reading, study and reflection, to obtain a clearer insight into the true meaning of the lessons taught in our work, the meaning of our symbolism and landmarks, so that they may become more learned in Masonry and become more interested in the work. Never in the history of the world was the steadying influence of Masonry more needed than it is today and if all members were more learned and understood

the true aim and object of Masonry there would be more activity throughout the entire Order.

I also took occasion to remind the brethren not to forget Masonry as soon as they left the Lodge room, but to endeavor to practice it in their intercourse with their fellow men. I also suggested the starting of Lodge libraries. I also took the occasion to suggest that skilled brethren and Past Masters should give talks on Masonry for the enlightenment of the brethren. I noted with pleasure that the Lodges are not spending as much of their financial resources on their banquet room but more so on benevolences. Some Lodges spend more on benevolences than they do for banquets, which is very commendable. The Lodges are exercising great care in investigating applicants for admission, which cannot be too carefully attended to.

The most perfect harmony and fraternal goodwill exists among the Lodges and the members throughout the whole district. Exchanges of fraternal visits are frequent and are productive of a great deal of good to both the Lodges and members.

In conclusion let me once more tender my sincere thanks, not only to those who especially assisted me but to every Mason in the District, for their kindness, generous and unflinching courtesy and consideration. The work has been a labor of love and I am more than compensated by the unwavering loyalty and devotion to me as the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the memory of these visits and the many new friendships I have made I will cherish as the most pleasant recollections.

Campbell Lodge No. 603. Nov. 6th, 1923.

I visited this Lodge officially on Nov. 2nd, 1923. Great credit is due W. B. Snyder, who was ably assisted by Bro. Campbell and Bro. Lowe and Secretary Stewart for the success of this young Lodge.

They have got off to a good start and are guiding the Lodge along the usages and customs of Masonry and are observing the landmarks.

They own their own Lodge room and have it nicely furnished. I visit this Lodge often and under the guidance of R. W. Bro. T. N. Lowe the W. Master in 1924 will see a continuance of the fine progress they have made. Bro. W. B. Stuart is a very painstaking and able secretary.

Burlington Lodge No. 165. Dec. 19th, 1923.

The First Degree was conferred on a very bright candidate. The W. Master was very ably assisted in the work by R.W. Bros. H. A. Graham, E. Lea, Emory and W. B. John Forth and J. B. Lenord.

This Lodge has a large membership for a country Lodge and the growth is steady. They own their own building and are very strong financially. The secretary, Bro. J. S. Allen, is very painstaking and makes an ideal secretary.

I visited this Lodge again on the occasion of its 60th anniversary, April 16th, 1924, when the Lodge was honored by the presence of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master W. J. Drope, who was accompanied by R.W. Bro. Rowland, Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Wm. Logan, Grand Secretary, and R.W. Bro. Madill. The First Degree was exemplified by W. B. Easterbrook and his officers, assisted by a number of Past Masters in the usual correct way.

Seymour Lodge No. 272. May 13th, 1924.

I made my official visit to this Lodge on May 13th and was received by W. Bro. R. E. Brown and his brethren in a most kind and fraternal greeting.

I witnessed the conferring of the Second Degree on a very fine candidate. The W. Master was assisted in the work by W. Brethren J. H. Bates, Brandon, Wright and Cochrane. The work was performed in a highly satisfactory way, which could not help but make a deep and lasting impression on the candidate. This is a very flourishing country Lodge, owning their own Lodge, which is very commodious, and very nicely furnished. They are making a substantial progress, with a good attendance at their meetings. The sec-

retary, James Bichard, keeps a neat and accurate set of books and is a valuable officer.

Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602. Nov. 20th, 1923.

Visited this Lodge officially on Nov. 20th, 1923, and was given a very hearty and cordial welcome by W. Bro. A. Lavis and his brethren. It would be hard to find a more efficient and genial master than W. Bro. Lavis. I conducted the election of officers, each officer being promoted. The First Degree was exemplified in a most excellent way, and was a real delight to witness. The officers gave the work in a slow and dignified manner. I must mention the floor work and the lecture in the South, which was of a very high order. The attendance is extra good and the Lodge gives promise of a very bright and useful future.

The books and records are ably looked after by W. Bro. J. H. Leade.

Corinthian Lodge No. 513. Oct. 29th, 1923.

I visited this Lodge on Oct. 29th, 1923, and was cordially received by W. Bro. J. H. Eydt and his brethren. I conducted the election of officers which passed off harmoniously and in order. This Lodge is doing a lot of good Masonic work and is very active and energetic, and there is a marked evidence of friendship and brotherly feeling towards each other. They are in a very flourishing condition, officered by a splendid type of brethren. The Lodge attendance is good. Their choir, made up of brethren from the Lodge, is a great asset in the Lodge work.

V.W. Bro. J. R. Croft makes an excellent secretary, and looks after the interests of the Lodge and Masonry in general.

Tuscan Lodge No. 551. Dec. 6th, 1923.

I officially visited this Lodge and was received in a most cordial and fraternal manner by Wor. Bro. J. Edward McCann and his brethren. I conducted the election of officers, which was harmonious. There

was a large attendance of members and visitors, a number of Past Masters and Past Grand Lodge officers. Chief among them was that excellent Mason and splendid type of citizen, R.W. Bro. Frank Hills. This Lodge is doing good work and is in the most excellent condition and has good attendance, very little owing in back dues, and generous in donations to benevolence.

W. Bro. McCann and his officers opened and closed the Lodge in the Three Degrees, and did it in a most creditable manner.

The Secretary's work is very ably performed by W. Bro. T. W. Appleton, whom the district secretary, W. Bro. Dr. Anderson, commends as having his books in excellent order, clean and concise.

This Lodge is doing splendid work, and under the guidance of such excellent type of man like W. Bro. J. Edward McCann there is a splendid future in store for Tuscan.

Dufferin Lodge No. 291. May 15th, 1924.

I made my official visit to this Lodge on May 15th, 1924, and was cordially received by W. Bro. Morden and his brethren, after which the W.M. and his officers, assisted by a number of Past Masters, gave the First Degree to an exceptionally good candidate, in an impressive and correct manner. Special mention might be made of the delivery of the Junior Warden's lecture, which was exceptionally well done.

The members of this Lodge are a very fine type of men. The growth is steady and the Lodge is in a very fine condition, paying strict attention to the usages, customs and landmarks of Masonry. They own their own Lodge room, which is one of the best in the district. It was at one time a church, and it is very fitting that the Order should come into possession of this building.

W. Bro. Wesley Green, the Secretary, looks well after the interests of the Lodge, and performs his

duties faithfully and well. The records are neat and accurate.

Valley Lodge, Dundas, No. 100. Apr. 14th, 1924.

I made my official visit to this Lodge on April 14th, 1924, and was very cordially received by W. Bro. R. W. McFarlane and his brethren. The Second Degree was conferred on a very excellent candidate, who knew his work perfectly, which was also a credit to the posting committee. The work was performed in such a creditable way there was no room for human criticism. Every officer was composed and delivered his work in a commendable manner. The W. Master was very ably assisted by Past Grand Lodge officers and Past Masters. It was a delight to listen to the work of R. W. Bro. Latshaw and W. Bro. Moss. Their work could hardly be surpassed, and rarely equalled.

The Lodge is in a flourishing condition, and has a steady growth, comfortable and commodious Lodge room and is nicely furnished.

The Secretary, R. W. Bro. Latshaw, keeps a model set of books, very worthy of imitation, and the Lodge is very fortunate in having a secretary of such wide experience in Masonic affairs, and the interest he takes in the Lodge.

Waterdown Lodge No. 357. June 10th, 1924.

I made my official visit to this Lodge on June 10th, 1924, and was officially welcomed in a very cordial and fraternal way by W. Bro. McFarlane and his brethren. It was one of the largest attended meetings of the district. There was a large number of visitors, twelve Lodges being represented. About thirty brothers from St. Clair accompanied me. The First Degree was conferred on a splendid candidate by the W. Master and his officers, assisted by a number of Past Masters. The work was well done and impressive. The officers worked under a disadvantage as the evening was warm and the Lodge room was crowded. The officers understood the work thoroughly. The Junior Warden's, Bro. G. F. Pools,

lecture was delivered in a manner that could not fail to make a deep impression on the candidate. This is a strong Lodge for a country Lodge, with a steady growth. Its finances are in the best of shape. They have a 99-year lease on the building, with a large banquet room in the basement. The members are a sturdy type of men, the majority young. The Secretary, W. Bro. J. A. Dalton, keeps all the books and records of this Lodge up to date, neat and accurate and is a great help to the Lodge.

Before the Lodge was closed I had the honor to present the Past Master Jewels to two worthy Past Masters, W. Bros. Markle and Nicol, who had served their brethren faithfully and well and merited the honor conferred on them.

St. Clair Lodge No. 135, Milton. Apr. 17th, 1924.

The visit to this Lodge was made on April 17th, 1924. As R. W. Bro. Erland Lee and myself exchanged visits, he accompanied me. We were cordially received by W. Bro. H. A. McClean and the brethren. Although it was a very wet and disagreeable evening, there was a large number present. The First Degree was exemplified in an impressive manner. All the officers performed their duties extremely well showing that they understood the work and knew how to give it to make an impression on the candidate.

The report of Dr. R. K. Anderson, the district secretary shows that the Lodge is in a very flourishing condition, steady and regular in growth. The attendance is good and dues are kept well paid up. W. Bro. G. H. Robinson, the painstaking secretary, looks well after the work and makes an ideal secretary.

On May 8th, this Lodge was honored by a visit from the W.M. the G.M., W. J. Drope, who was accompanied by Mrs. Drope. He was given a very cordial reception by W. Bro. McClean and the brethren, of whom there were a large number present. Among them were R.W. Bro. Graham and V.W. Bro.

Barraclough. There were also a large number of visitors. The Grand Master gave a very interesting and instructive address to the brethren, after which the Lodge was closed.

Barton Lodge No. 6. Feb. 13th, 1924.

I visited this Lodge officially on Feb. 13th, and was cordially received by W. Bro. Hubbard and his Lodge, of which there was a large number present. I witnessed the working of the Third Degree, which was exemplified in a dignified and impressive manner. This Lodge, though old in years is young in energy and a love for the true interests of Masonry, and sets a good example. There was a large number of Grand Lodge Officers and Past Masters present, among them were R.W. Bro. Judge Gauld, V.W. Bro. W. H. Davis. Since my visit the Lodge has sustained a great loss in the death of W. Bro. W. R. Whatley. W. Bro. O'Reilly, the archivist, takes a great interest in the history of the Lodge, and is endeavoring to stimulate an interest in such matters throughout the district. The secretary's work is well and faithfully performed by W. Bro. W. H. F. Whateley.

Dundurn Lodge No. 175. Dec. 15th, 1923.

I visited this Lodge and was cordially received by W. Bro. Dalton, and conducted the election of officers which passed off very harmoniously, each officer being promoted, showing that from preserving faithful attention to their duties the brethren thus rewarded them. The Lodge elects every officer, and each office is filled with very capable and energetic brothers. There seems to be a very united and brotherly feeling existing among the members of this Lodge as if it were one large family.

Wentworth Lodge No. 166, Stoney Creek.

It was a very special privilege that was mine in paying the official visit for R.W. Bro. Erland Lee to his own mother Lodge on Dec. 15th, 1923. The work assigned for the evening was the election of officers, which I conducted. The competition was keen for the junior offices, many brethren showing a willingness

to serve their Lodge, and were supported with much zest by their friends. After the election was over, however, all the brethren exhibited the true Masonic spirit and heartily applauded the successful candidates.

My Secretary's report showed the Lodge to be in a splendid financial condition, attendance good, and the records were very neatly and accurately kept.

St. Johns Lodge No. 40. Dec. 20th, 1923.

I made my official visit on Dec. 20th, 1923, and was very cordially received by W. Bro. Curry and his members. There were a number present of the Grand Lodge Officers and Past Masters, among the latter were R.W. Bros. Mercer, R. H. Foster, Sommerville and W. H. Davis. I conducted the election of officers, which was harmonious in every way. This is one of the older Lodges in this district, is active and energetic, and looks well after the true interests of Masonry. Judging from the District Secretary's report it is in a very prosperous condition, with a steady growth. W. Bro. B. L. Simpson takes a keen interest in the secretarial work of the Lodge.

Hamilton Lodge No. 562.

I officially visited this Lodge on January 14th, 1924, and was received very cordially by W. Bro. Cramp and his brethren. I witnessed them exemplify the First Degree in a very excellent manner. Every officer knew his work and performed it in a very impressive manner. About two weeks after my visit I was shocked to hear of the death of W. Bro. Cramp. He was an exceptionally good executive, and Masonry has lost a good and true exponent and the world a valuable citizen. A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation of a life membership to W. Bro. Hallet, W. Bro. Dixon making the presentation. Another very pleasant event was when I was asked by the W. Master to present to W. Bro. F. J. Brown a Past Master's Jewel. We had a delightful time in the banquet room, everything passing off in a most harmonious way for all. The secretary, W. Bro. D.

R. Gibson, keeps a very neat and accurate set of books and is an able and efficient secretary.

Oakville Lodge No. 400. June 3rd, 1924.

I was very cordially received by W.M. R. M. Smith and his brethren on my official visit here. This was a postponed visit as the brethren thought they would have their new Temple ready on May 6th, the date set.

My visit was the last meeting held in the old hall, which is rich in Masonic history and the beginning and early struggles of the Lodge. Although it was a very wet and disagreeable evening there was a large attendance of members and visitors. My visit to this Lodge was a great pleasure to me as I have known the W.M. and I.P.M. and a large number of the brethren for years.

The First Degree was conferred in a highly pleasing manner and was made instructive and impressive by the way the officers performed their duties. The W.M. was assisted in the work by a number of Past Masters, among them were V.W. Bro. John Kaiting, although 88 years old, gives the charges letter perfect and most impressively.

This Lodge is in a most prosperous condition, and has a steady growth. They have undertaken the erection of a new Temple at a cost of some \$20,000, which, when completed, will be one of the finest in the jurisdiction outside of the cities. This work speaks well for energy and interest and love for the craft that stimulates the brethren to undertake this and will be a monument to Masonry and the district for all time.

The Secretary, E. O. Taylor, attends to his duties well. He keeps his records neat and accurate and is very prompt and efficient.

Temple Lodge No. 324. Dec. 11th, 1923.

I visited this Lodge on Dec. 11th, 1923 and was given a cordial fraternal greeting by W. Bro. Noble

and his brethren. I conducted the election of officers. The officers are all an exceptionally fine type of men and were all rewarded due promotion. They take a very active interest in all the affairs of the Lodge. This Lodge is in a very flourishing condition, steady growth, extra good attendance at meetings, practically no arrears in dues, and they look well after the benevolence. The financial standing is very strong.

After concluding the election, we received a number of Hamilton's distinguished citizens, Mayor Jutten, the City Council, and the Board of Control; accompanying them was Bro. General Mewburn. We spent a very pleasant time in the banquet room, where we were favoured with an address on "The Canadian Battlefields Memorials" by General Mewburn.

The work of the Secretary is well attended to by Bro. C. H. Cunningham.

Fraternally submitted,

J. M. MacKENZIE, D.D.G.M.,
Hamilton District A.

HAMILTON DISTRICT B

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I have the honor to submit herewith my report of the condition of Masonry in Hamilton District B. for the Masonic year just ending.

I can now realize the amount of work that my predecessors must have done and did so efficiently, having thirty Lodges while after the division by Grand Lodge last July I have only half that number under my supervision.

I greatly appreciate the honor that has been conferred on me by being unanimously elected the first D.D.G.M. of this newly formed District and deeply feel the responsibility that has been mine.

I appointed W. Bro. J. T. Chittick District Secretary, who has been most faithful in the discharge of his duties and upon his unavoidable absence W. Bro. Chris. Alderson or Bro. W. S. Milmine have ably filled his place.

Bro. Rev. A. A. Jackson consented to act as Chaplain on condition that I could get a substitute when he was unable to attend my official visits. Bros. Revs. W. O. Thompson, G. M. Thompson and George H. Vrooman have each in turn kindly assisted when Bro. Jackson was unable to officiate.

As the Lodges under my jurisdiction are both rural and urban I have been more or less successful in having the officers of a country Lodge accompany me on my official visit to a City Lodge and vice-versa. This apparently has been greatly appreciated by all and has created a more friendly spirit, if possible, between country and city Masons, as I notice that our city brethren are glad to feast themselves on good home-made bread and butter and pumpkin or elderberry pie provided by country Lodges, while our coun-

try brethren seem to relish an oyster patty, baked potatoes and ice cream generously provided by city Lodges.

R. W. Bro. MacKenzie, of Hamilton District A, and I met representatives of the various Lodges in the Districts and endeavored to have the lines of jurisdiction between the Lodges established. Bros. MacKay and MacKay, engineers, kindly assisted us and we have thereby established lines of jurisdiction between several lodges that were in dispute.

Several of the Lodge Representatives at the meeting were in favor of concurrent jurisdiction, especially between the Lodges surrounding the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Lodges. It is likely that petitions from these various Lodges that are in favor of concurrent jurisdiction will be presented to Grand Lodge in 1925 for confirmation.

I had the honor and pleasure of attending several Lodges with the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and R. W. Deputy Grand Master, namely, Brant Lodge, Brantford, Burlington Lodge, Burlington, on its 60th anniversary and Ionic Lodge, Hamilton, when the Grand Lodge officers put on the First Degree.

R.W. Bro. MacKenzie and I attended a meeting of the Ruling Masters' and Wardens' Association of Hamilton. This Association is doing a good work by bringing the rulers of the various Lodges together to straighten out any differences or misunderstandings that might arise and discuss ways and means to better the conditions of the Lodges; it creates better mutual understanding and is a great means of mutual assistance. I took advantage of the occasion to state that it was my opinion that the Wardens' Chairs at either a regular or emergency meeting should never be filled by any persons, if possible to avoid it, who have never been installed as Wardens.

I have pointed out to the officers of the various Lodges the necessity of giving the work in the Lodge room correctly and impressively, so that the candidate will appreciate the beauty of the Masonic ritual, and the duties that it imposes on him.

The ritual is not the only thing in Masonry that is beautiful and uplifting, but the spirit of friendship and benevolence that is so manifest throughout the fraternity is what is worth while.

Buchanan Lodge No. 550. October 4th.

This was my first official visit and I received a welcome that Buchanan knows so well how to give. I had the honor of conducting the election of officers which was for the most offices unanimous, but where a contest took place, I was glad to see with what good nature it was concluded. With such capable officers, this young Lodge will no doubt have a prosperous year and do honor to the name of the late Hon. Isaac Buchanan, for whom the Lodge was named.

Electric Lodge No. 495.

I visited this Lodge on October 17th and conducted the election of officers. On this occasion the Secretary, R. W. Bro. Montague, Grand Junior Warden, was presented with the regalia of his office, to which he replied in his usual gracious manner. I was indeed pleased to receive such a warm welcome from this Lodge because my esteemed friend and predecessor, R.W. Bro. Frank Hills, was a Charter member of this Lodge.

This Lodge is showing a steady increase of membership of apparently the right type of men. The officers elected appear to be capable of conducting the affairs of the Lodge efficiently.

I was permitted to enter the Lodge room sooner than I am at most Lodges and saw the business of Lodge transacted, which I think could be well if adopted by other Lodges, as I think the D.D.G.M. might be able to offer, in a tactful way, a few suggestions about conducting the business with despatch. Enniskillen No. 185, York. October 22nd.

This is one of the country Lodges that I had not visited before in any capacity but was pleased the more by receiving so hearty a welcome from W. Bro. Mark Senn, M.P., and the brethren.

This old Lodge has not a large membership but is increasing in numbers and at the present time from the interest the neighborhood is showing it will not be long before many more of the bright young men of the locality will be petitioning for membership.

This Lodge has six members who have been members of this Lodge for over fifty years and five were present at my official visit. One of them sang "Dublin Bay" with practically the same vigor as he would have done fifty years ago. I esteemed it a great privilege to meet these members who have upheld the spirit of Masonry for so many years and yet in spite of age are so enthusiastic. The members are all justly proud of these fine old gentlemen. May they all live long and enjoy the years that are in store for them in comfort and happiness.

Harmony Lodge No. 57, Binbrook. October 24th.

This Lodge is one that I have frequently visited and know most of the members.

The Lodge had planned for a large number of visitors to attend my official visit and had prepared an elaborate banquet and programme, but the weather was against Masons coming any distance, so many were disappointed. I do not know when I have enjoyed a welcome more.

The Third Degree that W. Bro. Young and his officers worked was as well done as I have ever seen it and every one enjoyed the banquet and programme.

The speeches were much appreciated as was the rest of the programme. I think every one went away realizing that he had spent one of the most pleasant and most profitable evenings that he had ever had.

Of all the Lodges in this District, there is none that is more progressive in the truly Masonic sense both in the Lodge room and in the community at large than is Harmony.

Ionic Lodge No. 549. November 7th.

Visited this Lodge and conducted the election of officers.

From the enthusiastic manner in which the members received the results of the ballots, every member is behind the new officers. W. Bro. Jack, the newly-elected Master, lives in Toronto, but has been coming to Hamilton for every meeting and it is very good of the brethren to elect him W.M. and I am sure the Lodge will be the gainer by electing such a capable worker as their Master.

On January 2nd, I visited this Lodge with the M.W. Grand Master and R.W.D. Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers and assisted in working the First Degree.

St. Andrews Lodge No. 62, Caledonia, November 22nd.

It has been a number of years since I have been at a meeting of this Lodge, but enjoyed meeting a large number of old friends and received at their branch an enthusiastic welcome.

This Lodge is in a very flourishing condition, and has a good class of officers who have the support of the members with the clerical work of the Lodge in charge of W. Bro. Hicks and with the fatherly oversight of R.W. Bro. James McGregor. This Lodge is not likely to stray from Masonic rectitude.
Wardrope Lodge No. 555. November 26th.

Paid my official visit and conducted the election of officers, which resulted in practically an unanimous choice.

With such capable officers and W. Bro. John Forth as Chaplain and W. Bro. Wilcox as secretary, the Lodge is well looked after.

This is one of the newer city Lodges and is making good progress and drawing a good class of members.

Acacia Lodge No. 61. December 14th.

I visited this Lodge officially on above date, and conducted the election of officers.

This is one of the Lodges that is increasing in membership so rapidly that the problem of assembling the members is becoming greater, but there is a spirit of friendship among the members that will to a great extent assist in keeping the new members in close touch with the Lodge. The officers are enthusiastic and capable.

I had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge on Affiliated Past Masters' Night and saw R.W. Bro. Kelly and his officers work the First Degree.

I have the opinion that the officers of the Lodge think they can work the First Degree as good if not better than the affiliated Past Masters did.

Doric Lodge No. 382. December 17th.

Paid the Lodge an official visit on the above date and conducted the election of the officers.

The election as usual was practically unanimous and as this Lodge is one of the steady Progressive Lodges of the city with the incoming new officers who always look to R.W. Bro. Emory, the genial secretary, for inspiration and advice, a prosperous year is assured.

Union Lodge No. 7, Grimsby. December 20th.

This is a new Lodge added to Hamilton District, formerly of Niagara District.

We extended to Union Lodge a fraternal welcome to Hamilton District.

I am personally acquainted with many of the members of this Lodge. Union Lodge has a history that has been written by one of its members, Bro. W. J. Drope, to whom possibly from this history the attention of Grand Lodge has been directed, for since then he has become Master of Union Lodge, then

D.D.G.M. of Niagara District, and now is the M.W. Grand Master. It is an open question in my mind whether Union Lodge has derived more benefit from M.W. Bro. Drope being a member of it than he has.

On my official visit, the M.W. Grand Master was in the Chair, and with the other officers of the Lodge initiated one of the teachers of his school (Lakeside). I presume that the only person who would think that the work might have been done better would be the Wor. Master. On this occasion R.W. Bro. Rowland, the Deputy Grand Master, was a guest of the M.W. the Grand Master and made the address of the evening after the sumptuous banquet.

This Lodge is one of the largest rural-Lodges under the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge and has one of the largest and best equipped Lodge rooms and the largest banqueting rooms in this District.

We know that the addition of this Lodge is quite an acquisition to Hamilton District B.

Strict Observance No. 27. December 21st.

My official visit will be remembered by me as one of the most hearty welcomes that I had received. It was my first visit that I had paid this Lodge, although knowing many of its officers and members for some time.

This Lodge owes much to the quiet, unassuming and efficient secretary and the ever-ready support of the large number of Past Masters.

St. Andrews Lodge No. 593. February 27th.

This is one of the newer city Lodges and I have never attended any Lodge meetings when the members appeared to be as attentive to the Lodge work as in this Lodge. I was also particularly interested in the type of the members, who appeared like men of business or mechanics who were making good at their work. Maybe it is only a characteristic of the nationality of the men who would likely join a society having such a name.

With a W.M. like W. Bro. Drysdale and a secretary like W. Bro. Davidson, and a deeply interested membership the prosperity of the Lodge is assured.

I was an invited guest on the fraternal visit of Zeta Lodge, Toronto, and assisted in giving the visiting brethren a hearty welcome to St. Andrews and to Hamilton but particularly to the Hamilton District B. Hillcrest No. 594. May 12th.

I visited this new Lodge on the above date and found the members occupying the new and attractive Lodge room. The rooms were practically all made by members themselves, consequently they all seemed to have a personal interest in them. This is as it should be. The officers know and do their work well.

The officers are ably assisted by the Past Masters. This Lodge is situated in a new and growing district and has great scope for useful influence.

Lincoln Lodge No. 544. Abingdon.

This is one of the country Lodges that I have had considerable interest in since formation, as I know so well most of its members; particularly did I know the late R.W. Bro. Senn. We had a very enjoyable and interesting evening. The officers of Buchanan Lodge were my guests at this visit. W. Bro. Alderson, of Buchanan, acted as District Secretary, and assisted ably in the banqueting room.

This is a new Lodge and is in a good condition and will likely take great strides in the near future, as there is abundant available material who would make good members.

Wentworth Lodge No. 166. December 15th.

As this is my mother Lodge, I asked R.W. Bro. MacKenzie to pay my official visit for me, and I paid his official visit to his mother Lodge, St. Clair Lodge No. 135, Milton.

R.W. Bro. MacKenzie reported that he conducted the election of officers and Wentworth Lodge had

given him a great reception and the Lodge was in a flourishing condition. At the September meeting the M.W. the Grand Master, on behalf of the District, presented me with the D.D.G.M. regalia. He said many complimentary things about Wentworth Lodge; among other things he said Wentworth was the largest Rural Lodge under his jurisdiction.

He knew most of the Past Masters and many of the members and none better than the D.D.G.M., whom he had known for over 30 years, and esteemed it a privilege to be present and assist the Wentworth brethren in doing honor to the new D.D.G.M. by investing him with the beautiful new regalia.

April 19th will be a long remembered day in Wentworth Lodge, for at the meeting I was asked to present 25 Past Masters' Jewels to the Past Masters of the Lodge who were then members. I called on V.W. Bro. Dewar, who is the oldest Past Master, and presented him with his, and then asked him to pin a Jewel on each of the Past Masters present, as I called on them, which he did in his own gracious and witty manner.

R.W. Bro. Dr. Thompson then took the opportunity and presented me with mine; also my District Secretary, W. Bro. J. T. Cluttick, and affiliated Past Master, which he did in his pleasant way.

My visit to St. Clair Lodge was one of the unique pleasures I had during the year just ending. I was paying R.W. Bro. MacKenzie's visit to his mother Lodge and the hearty welcome I received at his and his brethren's hands, showed how they appreciated a visit from the D.D.G.M. from District B, thereby illustrating how they appreciated having one of their members fill the position of D.D.G.M. of District A, and by one who could fill it with so much credit to Masonry.

Such meetings will keep the Districts A and B one in the spirit of Masonry.

I desire to state here that I have found the officers in both city and country Lodges very capable

and doing their work correctly and in a commendable manner, and I have not found that any apology is needed, at least for this year, for the Lodges in the country, for I have seen as good work done in rural Lodges as I have in the city Lodges.

Every officer seems to appreciate the office that he holds and endeavors to fill it with dignity and efficiency.

I hereby express my thanks to the officers and members of the various Lodges for the kindly and hearty welcome which they gave to me, not only on my official visits but upon every occasion which I have met any of them. These kindly actions of friendship and respect have made my year of office one that I will always remember with pride and pleasure.

Fraternally submitted,

ERLAND LEE, D.D.G.M.,
Hamilton District B.

LONDON DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I have the honor to present herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master of this District for the Masonic year new closing.

I first wish to express my sincere thanks to the brethren of the District for the honor they conferred upon me in electing me as the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and for the splendid support I received from the Immediate Past D. D. G. M., Rt. Wor. Bro. Ben Noble, Rt. Wor. Bros. W. C. Moore, L. A. Boss, Neil A. McGill, E. T. Essery, C. H. Zeigler, A. C. Ferguson, T. E. Robson, William Poad, J. W. Wallace, and others, including members of my mother Lodge, and also my gratitude to the officers and members of the various Lodges for their many kindnesses and courtesies extended to me when visiting their respective Lodges.

My first official act was to appoint Wor. Bro. J. C. Reeve as District Secretary, who accompanied me on many of my visits and ably assisted me in the work.

I visited all the Lodges at least once officially and was present at many other meetings in a private capacity. I also had the privilege of attending and assisting at the joint installation of the London Lodges on Dec. 27th, 1923.

It gives me much pleasure to report that Masonry throughout this District is in a very bright and prosperous condition and that perfect harmony prevails. The Worshipful Masters and officials of the different Lodges are capable and zealous in the discharge of their duties. The Secretaries, in most cases, are most efficient in their work and are to be commended on the manner in which the records of the different Lodges are kept. If I were to make any suggestions in this connection, it would be that all books and

records be available from Grand Lodge so that a more uniform system might be adopted and carried out.

During my official visits I have endeavored to give what instruction and friendly criticism I considered necessary in order to obtain and maintain that high and uniform standard of efficiency in the work. I believe these criticisms were always received in the spirit in which they were given and tended toward the object I had in view. I have tried to impress upon the members the great duty we, as Masons, owe to our country, through this critical period which we are passing, and that we should strive daily to fulfil the duties of good citizens and thereby set an example for others to emulate.

An outstanding event of the District was the presence of the Most Worshipful Bro. W. J. Drope, Grand Master, and other Grand Lodge officers at the Constitution, Consecration and Dedication of Ashlar Lodge No. 610, Byron, on Sept. 10th, 1923.

Another special event of the year was the occasion of the celebration of the Semi-Centennial of Doric Lodge No. 289, at which the Most Worshipful the Grand Master W. J. Drope and Mrs. Drope were distinguished guests. Other Grand Lodge officers present on this occasion were Rt. Wor. Bro. Ben Noble, A. C. Ferguson, R. F. Richardson, E. T. Essery, Thomas Rowe and W. J. Dunlop. After the Lodge was closed an excellent banquet was enjoyed, followed by a splendid address by the Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. W. J. Drope. Wor. Bro. Allen Gray and Bro. Johnson, the only two surviving charter members of the Lodge, were present and gave interesting reminiscence of the early history of the Lodge. The Most Worshipful Grand Master W. J. Drope was presented, on behalf of the Lodge, with a loving cup as a fitting remembrance of his presence on this occasion and Mrs. Drope with a beautiful bouquet of roses. Rt. Wor. Bro. A. C. Ferguson was also presented with a Past Master's jewel by the Grand Master on behalf of the Lodge in recognition of his long and distinguished service.

Feb. 22 being the second anniversary of Temple Lodge they were honored by a visit from the M.W.

the Grand Master W. J. Drope. At six o'clock the Grand Master and Grand Lodge officers were entertained at a banquet in the Tecumseh House, after which they were escorted to the Temple, where they were welcomed by the W.M. W. L. Stewart.

The Wor. Master W. L. Stewart and officers exemplified the First Degree in a splendid manner, and P.M. A. M. Frich was presented with a Past Masters' jewel.

The M.W. the Grand Master W. J. Drope was presented with a beautiful vase as a token from Temple Lodge.

Middlesex Lodge No. 379, Bryanston.

I visited this Lodge on Sept. 19th, accompanied by a large number of the members from my mother Lodge, and P.D.D.G.M. Rt. Wor. Bro. W. C. Moore, Very Wor. Bro. Luton and Wor. Bro. Payne, of Belmont Lodge No. 190. In the absence of any Degree work, the Lodge was opened and closed in the three Degrees in a very satisfactory manner.

Belmont Lodge No. 190, Belmont.

On Sept. 21st I visited this Lodge and was greeted with a large attendance of visitors, including P. D. D. G. M.'s B. Noble, L. A. Boss and William Poad. The Wor. Master, Fred A. Taylor and his officers conferred the First Degree in an almost perfect manner, with Rev. Parnaby as candidate. At this meeting I had the pleasure of presenting on behalf of the Lodge a Past Master's jewel to Wor. Bro. John Dawes, while Rt. Wor. Bro. Ben Noble presented Very Wor. Bro. Luton with a Grand Lodge regalia. The records of this Lodge are exceptionally well kept by Wor. Bro. Turner, who has been secretary for the past 13 years and most efficient in all details. The Lodge is in good financial standing, owning their own rooms which are comfortably furnished. The Past Masters, including P.D.D.G.M. Bro. W. C. Moore, are active and attentive in the interests of the Lodge.

St. George's Lodge No. 42, London.

I paid my official visit to this Lodge on October 4th, 1923. Wor. Bro. Thomas Shaw and his officers

conferred the First Degree in a very creditable manner. The books and records have been put in better condition and this Lodge is in a thriving and prosperous condition.

King Solomon Lodge No. 378, London.

I visited this Lodge on Oct. 11th, when a large attendance of visitors and members were present. The work of the First Degree was put on by Wor. Master F. E. Hornsby and his officers in a very capable manner. The books and records are satisfactorily kept.

Moffatt Lodge No. 399, Harrietsville.

My official visit was made to this Lodge on Oct. 24th, when the Second Degree was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the attendance was not as large as expected. A new secretary was elected in June and recommendations were given as to improvements in the books and records of the Lodge. This Lodge does not own its Lodge room but is in a good, sound, financial position.

Merrill Lodge No. 344, Dorchester.

On Oct. 25th I visited this Lodge, when a large number of visitors and members were present. Wor. Bro. J. C. Hunt and officers conferred the First Degree in a most capable manner. This Lodge is in a prosperous and satisfactory condition. Rt. Wor. Bro. O'Neil is still active and faithful in his service. Wor. Bro. R. A. Logan has recently been elected secretary and some recommendations were given for improvements in the matter of books and records which I am satisfied will be carried out by him.

Corinthian Lodge No. 330, London.

I visited this Lodge officially on Nov. 6th. Owing to a disappointment in the candidate not being present, no Degree work was exemplified but I was extended a very pressing invitation to attend a meeting at a later date to witness their work and I visited them unofficially.

ally on Nov. 20th, when Wor. Bro. J. M. Mills and his officers conferred the First Degree in an almost perfect manner. This Lodge is in a flourishing condition and harmony prevails. Wor. Bro. H. J. Childs is a most efficient secretary and the Lodge books and records are complete and in order.

I also had the pleasure of attending an "At Home" given by this Lodge on Nov. 23rd.

Temple Lodge No. 597, London.

On Nov. 14th I paid my official visit to this Lodge accompanied by P.D.D.G.M.'s L. A. Boss, E. T. Essery, Thos. Rowe, Wm. Poad and Dr. Zeigler. Wor. Bro. A. M. Trick and his officers conferred the First Degree in a most impressive manner. The books were found to be in good condition. This is the youngest Lodge in the city of London and under the guidance of its most capable officers, its future is assured.

St. Pauls Lodge No. 107, Lambeth.

On Nov. 21st I visited this Lodge, accompanied by a goodly number of visiting brethren from London and surrounding Lodges. Wor. Bro. Hunt and his officers conferred the First Degree in a very satisfactory manner. The general condition and prospects of this Lodge are good. Wor. Bro. Poole, the secretary, has the books and records in good condition.

Acacia Lodge No. 580, London.

I visited this Lodge on Jan. 12th and was received by a large attendance of members and visitors. Wor. Bro. J. H. Langford and his officers conferred the First Degree in a very creditable manner. This Lodge is in a prosperous condition and the books and records are well kept.

Nilestown Lodge No. 345, Nilestown.

My official visit was made to this Lodge on Jan. 15th. The First Degree was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner. This Lodge is in a prosperous condition and harmony prevails.

St. Johns Lodge No. 20, London.

I paid my official visit to this Lodge on Feb. 12th. The Wor. Master J. F. Chapman and his officers exemplified the First Degree in a very impressive manner. This Lodge is in a thriving and prosperous condition. The books and records are kept in good condition by the Secretary, Very Wor. Bro. R. Booth.

Ashlar Lodge No. 610, Byron.

On Feb. 25th I visited this Lodge. The Wor. Master J. W. Merriam and officers conferred the First Degree in a most efficient manner. Bro. H. D. Thompson, the secretary, is to be commended on having the books and records in first class condition. This is the baby Lodge of the District and the prospect for its future is assured.

St. Johns Lodge No. 209A, London.

I made my official visit to this Lodge on Mar. 7th. The W.M. Sydney J. Martin and his officers exemplified the Second Degree in a most impressive manner. Rt. Wor. Bro. Edwin Smith, the secretary, is most proficient in his work and the books and records are in good order. This is the largest Lodge in the District.

Myra Lodge No. 529, Komoka.

I visited this Lodge on March 17th. The roads were not in very bad condition and consequently the attendance was not large. There being no Degree work, the Worshipful Master and his officers opened and closed the Lodge in the three Degrees in a very satisfactory manner. I am glad to be able to report the general condition of this Lodge to be much improved and look for this Lodge to prosper in the future.

Kilwinning Lodge No. 64, London.

My official visit to this Lodge was made on March 21st. The First Degree was conferred by Wor. Master George F. Copeland and his officers in a most impressive manner. I have pleasure in reporting this

Lodge in a prosperous and satisfactory condition. The secretary, Wor. Bro. Whit Lancaster, is most efficient and attentive to his duties and has the Lodge records in good order.

Union Lodge No. 380, London.

I visited Union Lodge No. 380 on April 14th. The Wor. Master, W. Bro. Reid and his officers conferred the First Degree in an excellent manner. This Lodge is well conducted and the books and records in good order.

Tuscan Lodge No. 195, London.

I visited this Lodge on May 5th and I have pleasure in reporting that I found this Lodge to be in a flourishing condition. The Wor. Master Bro. Thos. C. Benson and his officers conferred the First Degree in a very creditable manner. The books and records are well kept.

Delaware Valley Lodge No. 358, Delaware.

I paid my official visit to this Lodge on May 8th. This Lodge, on account of having had their Lodge room burned, hold their meetings in the Lodge room of St. Pauls Lodge, Lambeth. The Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. Howlett, and his officers do their work in a very satisfactory manner. The kindness of the brethren of St. Pauls No. 107, Lambeth, in giving over to their sister Lodge the use of their room is deserving of much praise. However, I am pleased to be able to state that Delaware Valley Lodge No. 358 will very soon be settled in their own Lodge room, which is almost completed.

Mount Olivet Lodge No. 300, Thorndale.

On May 13th I paid my official visit to Mount Olivet Lodge No. 300. This was also the occasion of the re-opening of their Lodge room, after having it re-decorated and some new furniture and some new furniture, and I have pleasure in reporting their Lodge room most attractive and comfortable. In the absence of any Degree work Wor. Bro. Pack and his officers

raised and lowered the Lodge in a very able manner. The books were found in good condition. Doric No. 289, Lobo.

On May 15th I visited this Lodge officially. Wor. Bro. Zavitz and his officers do their work in an excellent manner and this Lodge is in a prosperous condition. The books are well kept.

King Solomon Lodge No. 394, Thamesford.

I visited this Lodge on June 11th. Wor. Bro. Patterson and his officers conferred the Second Degree in an excellent manner and I have pleasure in reporting conditions in this Lodge very satisfactory. The books and records are in good order.

Henderson Lodge No. 388, Ilderton.

I visited this, my mother Lodge, officially, on June 16th. The Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. Frank McCallum and his officers, are able to do their work and confer the three Degrees in as satisfactory manner as I have seen it done by them many times, but on account of the large numbers present crowding the Lodge room to capacity and the night being very warm no Degree work was put on. Visitors were present from nearly every Lodge in the District, including nine P.D.D.G.M.'s. The books and records are in good order.

In conclusion I desire once more to convey to the brethren of the District generally my warmest appreciation for the many kindnesses extended to me during my official year. I bespeak for my successor the same cordial assistance which was so cheerfully extended to me.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. H. MARTIN, D.D.G.M.,
London District.

MUSKOKA DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren :

The confidence reposed in me by my brethren of Muskoka District at the last Communication of Grand Lodge in placing me in the office of District Deputy Grand Master, was very flattering to me, and I can assure you was much appreciated. I only wish I could have done more than I have been able to, and have shown by acts, rather than by expressions from my pen, what I do feel in this respect.

The whole of the territory in which our eight Lodges are situated is made up of the peerless Muskoka and Parry Sound Districts, generally referred to as the Muskokas. The country is the great playground of Ontario, where such climate, such alluvial soil, such forests of pine and hemlock and cedar, where such valleys with His "cattle of the thousand hills," the wealth, where the glens contain the speckled trout that lure the rod and gladden the heart of the visitors from America-wide; where such rocky hills of grandeur, so majestic that the mighty oak and graceful pine sway God's richest melody for His goodness to us; where the classic lakes of the Muskokas attract their thousands, the dwellers of the cities, who come to us seeking recreation and health, and become enraptured with the lakes and streams which afford every form of sport—boating, sailing, swimming—and where the sunbeams are woven by our gentle breezes into health-giving restoratives that come only from the hand of the Great Physician.

Muskoka has resources as boundless as our destiny. Our future does not depend on factory products. Our vast water stretches abound with fish and are unexcelled for beauty and refreshing comfort. These and more all tell that Muskoka is entrenched behind a wall of absolute plenty. Few to equal and none to excell, and all hail the richness of Nature's paradise.

Whether it be the Severn at the southern bounds of the District, or the "clover leaf" group between Gravenhurst and Huntsville, or the gems of Vernon and Fairy and the great Trading waters, or the Katrine, the Magnetawan or Bernard, or the Georgian and Nipissing that form our boundaries in the west and north, all give every citizen cause for thankfulness at our unbounded prosperity, because the lumbering and tourist interests that lie between, and without which none would have life, are enjoying greater advancement than the most sanguine imagined.

My first official act was the appointment of W. Bro. David Thaw, Algonquin Lodge No. 434, Emsdale, as my District Secretary, and I have great pleasure in stating that he has faithfully and efficiently discharged every duty which fell to his lot during my term of office. I also appointed W. Bro. (Rev. Canon) A. H. Allman, Golden Rule Lodge No. 409, Gravenhurst, District Chaplain, who rendered valuable assistance and to whom I am very grateful. These are associates of mine in Algonquin Lodge long years ago.

Peace and Harmony

As the statistical table shows, the eight Lodges of the District have all made advancement. Our fraternity has enjoyed the fullest measure of prosperity, and never in its history has been achieved such results. And peace and harmony prevail. There is no strife, no discord, no enmities, to mar the calm serenity of our brotherhood. In the chief offices of the Lodge there are new faces each year, and many Past Masters have moved out of the Muskoka jurisdiction. Since the inception of Muskoka District No. 19 some twenty-one years ago the prairies and the cities have lured many of our members. Many are commanding recognition elsewhere. In their day here they loomed large, were men of resource and power, and assisted in laying foundations with the Lodges served that have proven well and truly laid. Their successors as we meet them stir up past memories of golden days in our earlier life. The men now in office of Worshipful Master of our several Lodges are worthy, noble, strong and serious, men who have a genius for life, aiding others to live.

Official Visits

Corona Lodge, No. 454, Burks Falls.—I visited this Lodge officially at its regular communication on Monday, December 10th, 1923. This is the youngest Lodge in our family of eight. It has attained its majority, however, and is making splendid progress. Masonry is a live institution with the people and Corona's prospects are bright. W. Bro. John M. Gerow is Worshipful Master and discharges the duties of the office with dignity. V. Wor. Bro. J. J. Wilson, the efficient secretary, is a pillar to the Lodge and is ably assisted by W. Bros. Clark, Bunt and others. In the Degree work that has been done in my presence I have nothing but the most favorable report to make.

Unity Lodge No. 376, Huntsville.—On my visit here December 12th, 1923, I found the utmost harmony prevailing. The occasion was a happy one. Wor. Bro. A. C. Bernath, Worshipful Master, received me most graciously and all during the evening proved himself a versatile and capable ruler. The Past Masters, the list of which include Right Worshipful Brothers J. N. Shearer, J. E. Fisher, D. M. Grant and H. E. Rice, rally about the officers in splendid fashion. Fortunate indeed is the Master of Unity. A Third Degree was conferred in a most laudable manner. All through the evening I was impressed with the fact that the brethren of Unity have exercised critical care in the selection of their officers. Under them the Lodge will continue to prosper. A number of brethren from Algonquin and other Lodges accompany me on this visit.

Golden Rule Lodge No. 409, Gravenhurst.—This visit was made on Monday, January 14th, 1924, at regular communication. The ceremonies, under the care of the W.M., W. Bro. (Rev.) J. B. Lindsell, assisted by qualified officers, were impressive. The attendance, considering inclement weather, was good. This Lodge has one of the best appointed Lodge rooms to be found anywhere. The brethren of Golden Rule are outstanding in their ability as business administrators. Of their premises they are rightfully proud. For their progress much credit is due W. Bro. W. F.

Wasley (treasurer) and W. Bro. George Clipsham, who have watched the finances closely. In my address to Golden Rule, as in the other Lodges visited, besides reviewing the Degree work, I suggested that as men we should strive to emulate all that is best and stoop to nothing mean or ignoble. It is not numbers that count, I remarked, but real worth, genuinely true and unselfish service, and the holding of scales of human justice with equal poise, so that the best good to all may be done. W. Bro. A. H. Allmann, in his address, referred to Masonry as a mighty and impressive institution, actively engaged in a warfare hand in hand with the Church for the common good. W. Bro. J. C. Davidson spoke of Grand Lodge communications he had attended since 1890, and the growth of the Craft. W. Bro. Harry Linney, of Bracebridge, reviewed a number of events in history that were coincident with Masonry's growth, particularly of a century ago, when the Lodges commenced to gain strength after twenty-five or thirty years of struggle. The evening was one long to be remembered. The influence exerted on the brethren by R. W. Bro. E. M. Clipsham, particularly in the ceremonials, deserves the highest praise. The secretary's books in the hands of W. Bro. W. H. Butterworth are well taken care of.

Strong Lodge, No. 423, Sundridge.—On Monday, January 21st, 1924, was the occasion of the official visit to this Lodge. Strong Lodge has been tutored by many able craftsmen. W. Bro. James Whitten, of Bracebridge, and W. Bro. Joseph Edgar, of Sundridge, held this Lodge in sacred regard. As a result, among the brethren a love for Masonry abounds. There is an earnest endeavor to master its tenets and a disposition to conserve all that is best and noblest in the Order. Strong Lodge will continue to live up to its name, a name taken from the township in which Sundridge is situated, and called after one of Ontario's chief justices. It is the mother Lodge of the I.P.D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. A. M. Church. The Worshipful Master, W. Bro. J. Harvey Quirt, received me most courteously. Assisted by his officers the Lodge conferred the Third Degree on Bro. Duke. Strong has faithful Past Masters in W. Bros. J. N. Anderson and V.W. Bro. J. E. Bailey. At the close of work adjournment was made

to Hotel Bernard, where a banquet was served. Addresses of a happy character were given by V.W. Bro. (Dr.) J. J. Wilson, W. Bro. Fred. Sharpe, of Gravenhurst, Bros. Farmer and Halfyard and others.

Muskoka Lodge No. 360, Bracebridge.—To this Lodge, approaching its half century of usefulness, I paid my visit on Tuesday, February 5th. As to all the other Lodges, it was on the night of its regular communication. The attendance was encouraging. The Degree work was excellent. W. Bro. H. J. Mills and his officers were new in the chairs, but they discharged their duties commendably, and in their future progress is evidenced. The brethren are agitating for a new Lodge room, premises of their own, and, with the growth that is possible at Bracebridge, and their need for better quarters, it is altogether likely that their wishes will be attained. During the evening addresses were given by W. Bros. David Thaw (District Secretary), H. J. Bird, Jr., J. W. Reid, M. MacKay, Fred. Morris, Harry Linney, H. C. Budd and F. M. Johnson. The veteran secretary of the Lodge, V. Wor. Bro. Francis P. Warne, continues in harness, and no records of any Lodge proceedings are better kept. Bro. Warne is one of our oldest members, made a Mason in England, trained in the law, and is a master of detail.

Powassan Lodge No. 443, Powassan.—This Lodge I visited on Friday, April 11th. The work for the evening was one First, which was exemplified by W. Bro. H. J. Paul fairly well, receiving able assistance from his fellow officers. A little more practice would make them more perfect. The candidate was a local business man. I find that when the Past Masters take an active part the work is of a higher order than when they drop out as soon as they are through the several chairs. With regard to the Powassan Lodge there is not any room for complaint. The Past Rulers are faithful, and have confidence in themselves and their community. Their secretary is Bro. Wm. C. Porter. This brother is one of a half dozen from the one family who have distinguished themselves in the life of the town and Lodge. Bro. James A. Porter was a charter member and early officer, others have filled different

chairs, while another, W. Bro. A. S. Porter (Timmins) is a P.D.D.G.M. The attendance, on the occasion of my visit, of Powassan's membership was large and the visitors from other Lodges were numerous. Golden Rule, Muskoka, Corona, Strong and Algonquin Lodges were all represented. R.W. Bro. J. B. Smith, of North Bay (late D.D.G.M. of Nipissing District 18) paid a fraternal visit and acted as toastmaster at the banquet. In my address to the brethren, I referred to the growth of the Grand Lodge, the income financially, and the amounts spent on behalf of charity.

Granite Lodge No. 352, Parry Sound.—My visit here was one of the most notable of my official visits. This Lodge is in excellent condition. The First Degree was exemplified by W. Bro. G. L. Ziegler and his officers. They were assisted by a number of Past Masters. Their work was letter perfect. The secret work was given by W. Bro. J. L. Moore, the charity test by R.W. Bro. J. H. Knifton, and the charge by W. Bro. George Molyneaux. The Junior Warden's lecture as given by Bro. C. E. Kenney, J.W., reflects great credit on him. The Lodge was then raised to the Third Degree when four Master Masons were examined in that Degree and being found well-skilled were presented with their M.M.'s aprons. Several accompanied me from Emsdale. Granite Lodge can boast of one of the best Lodge rooms in Ontario. It is a credit to the brethren of the fraternity and to the town of Parry Sound. Granite brethren are a real live aggregation of men and real entertainers. I was pleased to meet our old and esteemed friend, Rt. W. Bro. Knifton, whom I have known for a great many years, who has seen many years in Masonry, and who fills the office of secretary in a most creditable manner. Granite is in a flourishing condition.

Algonquin Lodge No. 434, Emsdale.—Being my mother Lodge I left my visit here to the last. The Huntsville Forester, edited by Rt. W. Bro. H. E. Rice, who was present on this occasion, speaks of the event as follows: "The occasion of the official visit of the R. Wor. Bro. A. W. Freeland, D.D.G.M., to his home Lodge, Algonquin, at Emsdale, on Tuesday night (May 20th, 1924)) was made the occasion of a large

gathering of the brethren from many parts of the Districts of Muskoka and Parry Sound. The Third Degree was worked in a most creditable manner, under W. Bro. J. D. McNeill, W.M."

I may say that the solemnity of the evening was added to for me because the Third Degree that was conferred was on my youngest son.

Pictured History of District 19

No account of the official duties of the District Deputy of this District would be complete without a reference to the work being performed by W. Bro. Harry Linney, of Bracebridge. This work was referred to by R.W. Bro. Church last year. Bro. Linney has reported to me that of the 235 charter members and Past Masters of the Lodges since the inception of these eight Lodges he has obtained portraits of 176. Some of these men have been dead for forty years and more. The task is a big one. Over half our Lodges have received from Bro. Linney complete groups, framed, of their charter members and Past Masters. Portraits of all but three of the P.D.D.G.M.'s have been obtained. When complete, eight groups will be made and presented to the Lodges. Six Lodges have received framed groups of cabinet photos of the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Canada since organization of the present Grand Lodge. This work is a valuable one. The District owes Bro. Linney a debt of gratitude, and, as last year's Report said, and which was approvingly referred to by the M.W. the Grand Master in his Report, "such a task is one that only men of the perseverance, stability and noble character of Wor. Bro. Linney could accomplish."

Extra Social Functions

At the regular meeting of Strong Lodge No. 423, Sundridge, on April 21st, Bro. John Clements, of South River, was presented by the Lodge with a gold-headed cane. Bro. Clements was one of the charter members of Strong, and has been a member for nearly 35 years. He has five sons and three sons-in-law members of the Craft. At the request of W. Bro. J.

H. Quirt, the presentation was made by R.W. Bro. A. M. Church.

For the first time in fourteen years the members of Unity Lodge No. 376 held a purely social function on Friday evening, April 25th. The band room, through the courtesy of Mr. C. O. Shaw, was used for the event, which added to the splendid success of the assembly. The big room was decorated with a wonderful variety of cut flowers. The guests were greeted at the door by the W.M., W. Bro. A. C. Bernath, and by Past D.D.G.M., who are members of Unity, R.W. Bros. Shearer, Fisher, Grant and Rice. The programme was a musical one, largely in charge of the Collins' Orchestra. The several numbers were appropriately chosen and were rendered in a charming manner. In the addresses given I had the privilege of adding a few words. The evening throughout was an unqualified success. There were some 200 present, which included members' families as well as several visiting craftsmen and their wives. W. Bro. Bernath is an accomplished entertainer.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted,

A. W. FREELAND, D.D.G.M.,
Muskoka District.

NIAGARA DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I have the honour to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in Niagara District:

I desire to express my sincere thanks to the Brethren of the Niagara District for the honour and distinction bestowed upon me in electing me to the high and important office and for the many courtesies received at their hands. I have tried to discharge my duties with a full realization of the confidence placed in me and the responsibility of the office. My task has been made easy and pleasant by the kindness and hearty co-operation extended to me throughout the district. I wish to especially thank Wor. Bro. Frank Clark and Wor. Bro. William Barron who accompanied me at nearly all my visits and assisted greatly.

I had the great pleasure of appointing Wor. Bro. Clark of Phoenix Lodge as district secretary which office he filled splendidly. I wish here to thank him for the assistance he gave me during my term of office. He is an enthusiastic Mason and deservedly popular in the district.

On Sept. 17th, 1923, I had the pleasant duty of assisting the M.W. the G.M. in constituting, consecrating and dedicating Dominion Lodge, No. 615 at Ridgeway, a number of P.D.D.G.M.'s were present and a very pleasant and profitable evening was spent together.

I had the honour on Oct. 16th, 1923 of constituting consecrating and dedicating Fort Erie Lodge, No. 613 at Fort Erie, was assisted by R.W. W. C. Tait, R.W. G. Pettitt, R.W. Bro. J. C. Crow, R.W. J. C. Lymburner, R.W. Bro. Sheppard, P.G.C., and a splendid body of past Masters from all the surrounding lodges.

Adanac Lodge No. 614, Merritton was constituted, consecrated and dedicated by the M.W. the Grand Mas-

ter on Oct. the 25th, 1923. I had the esteem pleasure of assisting him together with a number of Past Masters and R.W. Bro. Chas. Ross and V.W. Bro. R. G. Dunn, Grand Sword Bearer and W. Bro. Randell, Grand D.C.

On Oct. the 29th, the M.W. the Grand Master constituted and consecrated Perfection Lodge No. 616 St. Catharines. I had the honour of acting as D.G.M. on this occasion. A large number of Grand Lodge officers took part including R.W. Bro. Logan, Grand Sec., R.W. Bro. Randall, G.D.C., R.W. Bro. Madill, R.W. Bro. Somerville, and a number of past D.D.G.M.'s and Past Masters of the District. A splendid banquet was given at the Welland House and a pleasant evening enjoyed in listening to the messages of M.W. Bro. Drope, R.W. Bro. Logan and others.

The next special communication of Grand Lodge was at Welland when the new rooms of Merritt and Copestone Lodges were dedicated by the M.W. Grand Master. About 300 Masons were in attendance including many distinguished brethren, Past D.D.G.M.'s and Past Masters of Niagara District.

The sixth special communication of Grand Lodge in Lodge in Niagara District was at Niagara Falls, Ont., when Adoniram Lodge had their new Temple dedicated to Masonry. Many eminent Brethren were present to assist the M.W. the Grand Master to perform this ceremony. R.W. Bro. Didemus, R.W. Bro. Lymburner, R.W. Bro. Warren, R.W. Bro. Lee of Toronto District 11a. and a large number of Past Masters of the surrounding Lodges.

My first official visit was to St. George's Lodge, No. 15, St. Catharines, on November 13th, 1923. The E.A. Degree was exemplified by W.Bro. Monk and his officers in a very impressive manner. V.W. Bro. Holmes assisted together with several of the Past Masters. This is one of the oldest Lodges in the District and has always enjoyed a steady growth. The venerable secretary, Bro. Lindsay, has his books in splendid condition and report dues well paid. Harmony and brotherly love are certainly the key-note of this old Lodge.

On November 19th, I paid my official visit to Coronation Lodge No. 502, Smithville. W. Bro. Clark and W. Bro. Barron accompanied me and both addressed the brethren in a very impressive manner on the value of the teaching of masonry. The W. Master was away and the Chair was well occupied by W. Bro. Patterson who with the officers and Past Master worked a F.C. Degree in a splendid manner. The condition of Masonry in Smithville is indeed very favourable; the Lodge is enjoying a steady growth. The books of the Lodge in the hands of W. Bro. Patterson are well kept and the dues well paid up.

At Dunnville on November 28th, I visited Amithy Lodge No. 32, was introduced by Wor. Bro. Hastings and Wor. Bro. Parks and received a very hearty welcome indeed. A number of the brethren from Fonthill and the surrounding Lodges were present. The Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. Richards and his officers exemplified the E.A. Degree to the satisfaction of all present. The secretary, Wor. Bro. Clark deserves great credit for the way he does his work and he reports the dues nearly all paid up to date.

Dufferin Lodge No. 338, Wellandport, Ont. I paid my official visit to this Lodge on December 18th, 1923. The First Degree was conferred by Wor. Bro. Gilmore and his officers in a splendid manner. The attendance of Dufferin Lodge is good in spite of the fact that a large number of the members live in the country some distance from the Lodge. This Lodge was instituted about 48 years ago and I had the honor of sitting across the banquet table from three of its charter members, Wor. Bro. Cohoe, Wor. Bro. Holmes, Wor. Bro. Chaffley; all in good health and able to attend the meeting.

Copestone Lodge No. 373, Welland. I visited this Lodge on Feb. 7th, 1924, was introduced by Wor. Bro. Fralick, R.W. Bro. Crow. An introduction to this Lodge was scarcely necessary as I have had the pleasure of visiting them on several occasions and a finer body of men are hard to find. The work of the evening was the Second Degree and was done in a perfect manner by Wor. Bro. Deach and his officers. Wor. Bro. Fralick leads in the social side of Masonry in Copestone Lodge

and sees that there is something doing all the time; this helps to keep up a good attendance. Bro. Maims, who has been secretary for many years is suffering ill health and his work is being done by Wor. Bro. Tattersal in a splendid fashion.

My next official visit was to St. Mark's Lodge No. 105, Niagara Falls, Ont. Wor. Bro. Miller and his officers assisted by the Past Master worked the E.A. Degree in a very efficient manner. All the officers of this Lodge impressed me very much by the way they did their work. Wor. Bro. Garner has the books of the Lodge well kept and the dues well paid up. Their bank balance is, I think one of the largest in the District. They are preparing to purchase new quarters of their own in conjunction with the other Masonic Bodies of the city.

Mountain Lodge No. 221, Thorold, Ont., Feb. 14, 1924. This meeting shall go down in the history of Mountain Lodge as a red letter night; not because of my visit but because I was accompanied by the M.W. the Grand Master, W. J. Drope. I was introduced by R.W. Bro. Sheppard and Wor. Bro. O'Connor, after which, the M.W. the Grand Master was given a most cordial welcome. The E.A. Degree was conferred by Wor. Bro. Pew and his officers in a very creditable manner, and much to the pleasure of all, the charge from the Book of Constitution was delivered by M.W. Bro. Drope. About 300 Masons sat down to a luxurious banquet and listened to the addresses of M.W. Bro. Drope, R.W. Bro. Sheppard, Wor. Bro. Munro and others. Mountain Lodge own their own Block and have a beautiful Lodge room and a splendid club and banquet hall. They are in a strong financial condition and Wor. Bro. Mable, the secretary report dues well paid up.

I received a very cordial welcome on my official visit to Adoniram Lodge of Niagara Falls, Ont., No. 573, on Feb. 18th, 1924. Wor. Bro. Blaney and his officers conferred the First Degree in a faultless manner on a candidate. The Past Masters of Adoniram Lodge deserve great credit for the assistance they give the officers of the Lodge. Wor. Bro. Little has his books well kept and dues all paid in. Masonry in Adoniram Lodge is progressing very favourably.

Temple Lodge No. 296, St. Catharines. I visited this Lodge on February 20th, 1934, and received at their hands a very hearty welcome; was escorted to the Ezst by R.W. Bro. MacLean and witnessed their work in the Second Degree which was faultless. The secretary's book was in good condition and dues well paid.

Palmer Lodge No. 372, Bridgeburg. I visited this Lodge on March 4th, 1924. R.W. Bro. Tait and Wor. Bro. Watts were on hand to introduce me to the Lodge. Wor. Bro. Henderson and his officers conferred the F.C. Degree on a candidate in a manner which was a credit to the Craft. Wor. Bro. Norman Graham makes a very efficient secretary and reports finances in good condition and dues well paid up. The Masons of Bridgeburg are to be commended on their great work of helping others; on closing the Lodge, the Wor. Master addressed the brethren of a case in the Town where a family were in distress and a box was placed on the altar and any member desiring to help could do so on their way out, and I learned that a splendid contribution was immediately sent to the family in need. This to my mind was a very commendable act and accounts for the splendid condition of Masonry in this Town.

Adanac Lodge No. 614, Merritton, Ont. I visited this Lodge officially on March 6th, 1924, received a very cordial reception by the brethren and enjoyed seeing the work of the First Degree done by Wor. Bro. Savigny and his officers in such a splendid manner. This is one of the Baby Lodges in the Niagara District and they are getting along fine; their books are well kept by Bro. Kerr and dues well paid.

McNab Lodge No. 169, Port Colborne, Ont. I visited on March 11th, 1924 and was loyally received by the W. Master. Wor. Bro. Hicks conducted the work of the evening which was in the First Degree, in a very excellent manner. The candidate was a son of Wor. Bro. Tuck who is a great help to this Lodge. I also had the pleasure of meeting R.W. Bro. Fawcett at this meeting. The secretary reports dues well paid up and his books all well kept.

Merritt Lodge No. 168, Welland, Ont. I paid my official visit to Merritt Lodge on March 17th, 1924; was

introduced to the brethren by R.W. Bro. Crow and Wor. Bro. Cook and received a most hearty reception. Wor. Bro. Bremnen and his officers conferred the third Degree on a candidate in a very impressive manner. Wor. Bro. Bremnen deserves a great deal of credit for the way he has carried on his Lodge work. During the year, he certainly has the full support of all the Past Masters and the attendance of the members is splendid. Wor. Bro. Dawdy who has been secretary for years has his books kept in the same complete way and reports dues well paid up.

Myrtle Lodge No. 337, Port Robinson. I paid my official visit to this "My Mother Lodge," on March 18th, 1924; was introduced by R.W. Bro. Ross and W. Bro. Clark and received at the hands of all the brethren a very hearty welcome. Wor. Bro. Braim and his officers and Past Masters did the work of the Second Degree with great credit to themselves and to the pleasure of all the brethren present. A number of the brethren from Phoenix Lodge of Fonthill were present and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed together. R.W. Bro. Ross in whose hands the books of the Lodge are kept has them in splendid condition and dues well paid in.

On March 27th, 1924. It was my pleasure to visit Maple Leaf Lodge No. 193, St. Catharines. This is one of the largest Lodges in the Niagara District and a large number were present on this occasion. Wor. Bro. Parks and his officers worked the First Degree and gave the candidate a good impression of his initiation into Masonry. The musical ritual is used in this Lodge and is not equalled in the District. This adds to the impressiveness of the work. R.W. Bro. Johnson has his books well kept and reports dues well paid up.

King Edward Lodge No. 471. I paid my official visit to Chippawa on April 2nd, 1924 and received a very warm welcome by the Lodge. A large number of Masons were present and visiting brethren from Welland, Niagara Falls and Fonthill. Wor. Bro. Davidson and his officers conferred the First Degree in a very creditable manner assisted by R.W. Bro. Brown and Wor. Bro. Gray. The secretary's books are in good shape and dues well paid up.

Seymour Lodge No. 277. Port Dalhousie. My official visit here was on April 9th, 1924. The Third Degree was conferred on a candidate by Wor. Bro. Lewis and his officers in a very impressive manner. Seymour Lodge is enjoying a year of growth and prosperity and the type of men who are seeking admission are men of splendid character which speaks well for continued growth and harmony. Wor. Bro. T. O. Johnson has the books of the Lodge well kept and finances in good shape.

I visited Perfection Lodge No. 616, St. Catharines on the evening of April 14th, 1924. The work of the evening was in the First Degree which was conferred by Wor. Bro. McComb and his officers in a splendid and efficient manner. Perfection Lodge although the Baby Lodge of the Niagara District is a very progressive one. The officers have their work well in hand and I am sure they have a very bright future before them.

Fort Erie Lodge No. 613, For Erie. I visited Fort Erie Lodge officially on April the 15th, 1924. There were a large number of Members present also several visitors from Dominion Lodge, Ridgeway, Palmer Lodge, Bridgeburg, and from Buffalo, N.Y. The work of the evening was in the Master Mason Degree and was very creditably done by Wor. Bro. Wilson and the officers of the Lodge. Fort Erie is very well situated; they have beautiful rooms and are in a position to carry on the work of the Craft in a splendid manner.

Phoenix Lodge No. 535, Fonthill. I visited this "My Home Lodge" on April 21st, 1924, although a very stormy night there was a large attendance of brethren from the surrounding Lodges. Wor. Bro. Wilks and his officers conferred the F.C. Degree on a candidate in a very impressive manner. R. Wor. Bro. Lymburner, Past D.D.G.M. of Niagara District was present and addressed the Lodge. Phoenix Lodge has had a very prosperous year; the finances are in good shape and Wor. Bro. Clark has his books well kept.

Dominion Lodge, Ridgeway, No. 615. I had the pleasure of paying my official visit to Dominion Lodge on May 1st, 1924. This is one of the new lodges in the District and they are in a very prosperous condition.

The Master, Wor. Bro. Laur and his officers have their work well in hand and showed themselves proficient in the Craft.

Clifton Lodge No. 254, Niagara Falls, Ont. I visited Clifton Lodge on May 15th, 1924. This is the largest Lodge in the Niagara District having a membership of 500. They are doing splendid work. The Third Degree was conferred upon a candidate by Wor. Bro. Reid and his officers assisted by several Past Masters including R.W. Bro. Lymburner in a very proficient and impressive manner. The members of Clifton Lodge are to be congratulated on the splendid work they have done this year as regards the care of dependent brethren and their families. The secretary, R.W. Bro. Warren, fills his office in the same complete manner as he has done in the many years he has been in office. The Lodge is strong financially and dues well paid up.

Ivy Lodge No. 115 of Beamsville, Ont. My official visit to Ivy Lodge was on May 12th, 1924. The attendance was large and the Third Degree was conferred by Wor. Bro. Lidner and his officers in a faultless manner. The Past Masters seem to take a great interest in the Lodge which is a great help to the officers and help to keep up a good attendance. The finances of this Lodge are good; and Wor. Bro. Fairbrother reports dues well paid up.

Niagara No. 2, Niagara-on-the-Lake. I visited Niagara Lodge No. 2 on May 14th, 1924, and received a very hearty reception. The work of the evening was in the Second Degree and was well done by Wor. Bro. Singer and his officers. There was a large number of visitors present; we all enjoy paying a visit to this old Historic Lodge, Niagara No. 2. Members were present from Welland, St. Catharines, Fonthill and Niagara Falls.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren of the Niagara District for the honor conferred upon me in electing me D.D.G.M. I wish also to thank the Officers and brethren of the District for the kindly reception they extended to me on my official visits. The work of the year has been a wonderful inspiration to me and I only

hope that in my humble way I have been able to do something for the good of the brethren and the advancement of the Craft for it is along this line that I have endeavored to work harmoniously among the brethren. After having six especial communications of Grand Lodge and paying twenty-four official visits I feel that it has been a record year for the District. I wish to express my deepest appreciation to the M.W. the Grand Master W. J. Drope for his many kind acts and the assistance rendered me during the year.

It is with both regret and relief that I finish the work of the year and I hand over the gavel to my successor in office with my best wishes. May harmony and prosperity continue and may the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth characterize us as men and Masons.

Fraternally submitted,

ARTHUR B. DAMUDE.

D.D.G.M. Niagara District.

NIPISSING DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

Having been chosen District Deputy Grand Master of Nipissing District at the session of Grand Lodge held at Toronto, I feel the honour conferred upon me and take pleasure in expressing sincere appreciation both personally and on behalf of Keystone Lodge, No. 412, for the mark of distinction brought by such choice to the officers and members of my Mother Lodge. To the utmost of my ability I have endeavoured to prove myself worthy of the trust reposed in me by the representatives of the District. If there has been failure in any degree such may not be attributed to defect in motive.

The leading event in the District for the year was the visit of the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. W. J. Drope to the Keystone and Algoma Lodges on September the 3rd. It was truly a representative gathering and the address of the Grand Master was most highly instructive and entertaining.

On Monday, Oct. 1st, I entered upon my official duties by visiting Nipissing Lodge, North Bay, this was a pleasure indeed on account of the number of personal friends who are members of this Lodge.

Wor. Bro. Robt. Fulcher and his officers assisted by a number of Past Masters conferred the First Degree in a very excellent manner. This Lodge is to be congratulated on having a man of the calibre of V.W. Bro. Dr. B. F. Nott as secretary as they have practically no outstanding dues. Nipissing is one of the most progressive Lodges in the District.

On Tuesday, Oct. 2nd, I visited Mattawa Lodge, Mattawa, accompanied by V.W. Bro. Weiger and Dr. B. F. Nott of Nipissing Lodge, North Bay. Through the kindness of Wor. Bro. C. Cowie, we motored from North Bay to Mattawa, it was a beautiful day and we all enjoyed it to the full. There was no work for the even-

ing but Wor. Bro. Cowie and his officers opened and closed the Lodge in the several Degrees in a very creditable manner. Although the resident members here are very few they are splendid fellows and certainly treat their guests well.

On Wednesday, October 3rd, I had the privilege and pleasure of instituting Lorne Lodge, Chapleau. On this occasion I was accompanied by V.W. Bro. Dr. B. F. Nott and Wor. Bro. R. Fulcher of Nipissing Lodge and Rt. Wor. Bro. Dr. Arthurs, Wor. Bro. Arthur Manley, Wor. Bro. D. Andress, Bro. A. N. Elliott and Bro. W. A. McMitchell of Nickle Lodge, Sudbury, all of whom I wish to thank for their assistance on this occasion. I found the members here particularly enthusiastic. They have a beautiful equipped Lodge Room and a large banquetting room. This young Lodge has started under the most favourable conditions and I have every confidence in its success.

On Oct. 5th, I visited North Bay for the purpose of constituting and consecrating North Bay Lodge of North Bay, and installing and investing the Officers, in which I was ably assisted by about twenty-five Past Grand Lodge Officers and Past Masters of this District, and for this assistance I am deeply grateful, especially to Rt. Wor. Bro. James A. Smith who had looked after every detail in advance and acted as installing master for the occasion. The attendance was large, Wor. Bro. Jago and his officers are in a very fortunate position having so many willing and capable members of Nipissing Lodge ready to assist them on any occasion and for the very capable and painstaking secretary in the person of Bro. J. E. Gardner to whom I believe a very great deal of credit is due for the success attained thus far.

On February 11th, I visited National Lodge, Capreol, and was happily surprised to find such a splendid body of Masons, although the youngest Chartered Lodge in this District they are much further advanced than some of the older Lodges. Wor. Bro. Lomas and his officers conferred the First Degree in a very efficient manner. They are in excellent condition financially, owning their own building and having considerable money on deposit in the Bank as well. I might mention

that the Altar, Pedestals, etc., which are very fine indeed are the handiwork of the brethren themselves.

My official inspection of Algonquin Lodge, Copper Cliff, was held on February the 12th. I was accompanied by Wor. Bro. A. A. Jackson of Nickel Lodge, and must say that I found the true Masonic spirit manifested amongst the brethren here, splendid fellows, enthusiastic and capable Ritualists. Wor. Bro. Kilpatrick and his Officers conferred the First Degree in a very creditable manner.

On February 13th, I paid my official visit to Nickel Lodge, Sudbury, accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. J. B. Way and Wor. Bro. Durgin of Sault Ste. Marie, Wor. Bro. Bibby and his Officers assisted by the Past Masters conferred the Third Degree in a very excellent manner. I expected to see work well done in this Lodge but it exceeded my expectations. This Lodge is and has been a power for good in the community, as the Lodges in Espanola, Copper Cliff, Capetol and Chapleau, all healthy branches of Nickel Lodge will bear witness. I wish to express my thanks to the Sudbury brethren for their kindness to me while in their vicinity, especially mentioning Rt. Wor. Bro. Joseph Fowler and Wor. Bro. Arthur Manley.

Visited Sturgeon Falls Lodge, February 14th, and was accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. James A. Smith, V.W. Bro. Bros. Nott and Weager and Bro. Gardner of North Bay and Wor. Bro. A. G. Durgin of Sault Ste. Marie. I found this Lodge in good condition financially and otherwise. They own their Masonic Home which is a very nice building. Wor. Bro. Wynn and his officers do very good work and are surpassed by none as entertainers.

February 15th, I visited Espanola Lodge, Espanola, was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. LeBaron Dibblee, Wor. Bro. Plaunt and his officers conferred the Third Degree in their usual capable manner. The brethren of Espanola Lodge are to be complimented on their splendid quarters, they have a beautiful Lodge Room and the largest banquetting hall in the District. They are very fortunate in having among their Past Masters, Rt.

Wor. Bro. LeBaron Dibblee, who not only started this Lodge and twice acted as its Master, but who also finds time to visit the neighbouring Lodges and give them the benefit of his Council.

I paid my official visit to Penewobikong Lodge, Blind River, on March 10th, and was accompanied by Bro. Norman Patterson of Sault Ste. Marie, and was introduced by V.W. Bro. Morris Dyke. Owing to the absence of the Master the chair was occupied by Wor. Bro. G. H. Christilaw, the I.P.M. There being no candidate the Lodge was opened and closed in the several Degrees by Wor. Bro. Christilaw in a very efficient manner. I found their lodge room in good condition and well equipped. Their books and accounts are in good condition and they are fortunate in having for their secretary the services of Wor. Bro. George J. McArthur.

On April 14th, I paid my official visit to Algoma Lodge, Sault Ste. Marie, a pleasing feature on this occasion was the large number of my brethren from Keystone Lodge who were present.

The attendance was exceptionally large: I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. H. J. Moorhouse, who has been a wonderful help to me since I have had the responsibility of District Deputy Grand Master. I have always received a royal welcome from Algoma Lodge, and on this occasion they lived up to their reputation as splendid entertainers. Wor. Bro. W. T. Scott and his officers conferred the First Degree in a faultless manner: my visit with this Lodge was one of the most pleasant of the season.

On April 29th, I visited my Mother Lodge (Keystone) officially. This night will be remembered by me, as I was honoured by the largest attendance I have ever seen in the lodge room. I was introduced by my old friend Rt. Wor. Bro. J. B. Way, Wor. Bro. A. Clarke and his officers conferred the Third Degree in a manner that left no room for criticism. This the largest lodge in Nipissing District, has always had good management, and never better than at the present time.

Visited Gore Bay Lodge, Gore Bay, Monday evening May 19th. Brother L. Chapman of Keystone Lodge,

accompanied me on this trip and was a great help indeed in both Gore Bay and Little Current.

I was introduced to the Lodge by Rt. Wor. Bro. A. E. Graham accompanied by V. Wor. Bro. W. B. R. Robinson. Their being no candidate for the evening, at my request Wor. Bro. McLean and his officers exemplified the Third Degree, which was done in a very creditable manner. I cannot speak too highly of the splendid Masonic Spirit manifested by the brethren of Gore Bay Lodge.

Visited Doric Lodge, Little Current, Tuesday evening May 20th, and am greatly indebted to Wor. Bro. J. H. Diehl who very kindly drove Bro. Chapman and myself from Gore Bay to Little Current. I was accompanied to the Lodge room and introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. LeBarron Dibblee of Espanola and Rt. Wor. Bro. A. E. Graham and Very Wor. Bro. R. Robinson of Gore Bay.

There being no work for the evening, at my request, Wor. Bro. Turner and his officers exemplified the Third Degree, and I must say there has been wonderful improvement in this Lodge in the last few years and to day their work compares favourably with any of the large Lodges.

Visited Dyment Lodge, Thessalon, on the evening of May 28th, and was accompanied by about twenty-five of my brethren from Sault Ste. Marie. Algoma Lodge conferred the First Degree and Keystone the Third on two splendid candidates. I was introduced by Wor. Bros. Dobie and Glanville. The attendance was large and all appeared to have a profitable and enjoyable evening.

In conclusion permit me to say that the condition of Masonry in this District is excellent. The spirit of true Brotherhood prevails in all the Lodges and there is a conspicuous absence of every influence which would retard or render impotent the spirit of fraternity and good will. At all the meetings the members displayed a general attitude of dignity and proper decorum in the transaction of Lodge business, and the conferring of Degrees.

A deep devotion to the cause of Masonry was manifested by the Past Masters and their loyal support to the Worshipful Masters in the guidance of their brethren is an inspiration and incentive to the younger Masons to emulate these veterans of the Craft and to faithfully perform the Masonic tasks set before them.

The year just closing will be remembered by me as one of the most instructive and happy periods of my life, I have benefited greatly by meeting the brethren in the different Lodges of the District, and my year of service has given me a greater Masonic vision and a more zealous attachment to the Craft.

I bespeak for my successor the same consideration, loyal support and brotherly love which made my work both easy and pleasant.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

W. A. SIMPSON,
D.D.G.M., Nipissing District.

NORTH HURON DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I have the honour to submit the following report on the conditions of Masonry in North Huron District No. 5.

When I was, a year ago, unanimously selected by my brethren, as the choice of the District for the high office of representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, I felt that a signal honour had been conferred upon me, and, in endeavouring to follow at all acceptably in the footsteps of a long line of distinguished predecessors, I was conscious of undertaking a most difficult task.

Confident, however, of the good will and kindly co-operation of my brethren, I entered upon my duties with some trepidation, but with a determination to do my share in furthering the interests of the Craft throughout the jurisdiction allotted to me.

Masonry, in this District, is in a very flourishing condition, all the Lodges making steady progress, the officers of the various Lodges impressed me that they were men of good quality.

One of the pleasing features of my official visits was the presence of many past officers, many of whom are growing old in years, yet masonically young, and willing to do their part in exemplifying the work in the different degrees.

Out of many, I would mention the names of R.W. Bro. Patterson, W. Bro. White, R.W. Bro. Brown, R.W. Bro. Morton, R.W. Bro. Blackmore, R.W. Bro. Hutchinson, W. Bro. Scott, W. Bro. McKinnon, W. Bro. Samson, R.W. Bro. Fowler, R.W. Bro. Morris, and R.W. Bro. Loughleen.

My first official act was to appoint R.W. Bro. John Watson, of Bernard Lodge, District Secretary, who was of great assistance to me and discharged his duties faithfully.

Blair Lodge No. 314, Palmerston. I visited this Lodge on October 12th, 1923, accompanied by a goodly number of Brethren from my mother Lodge.

W. Bro. Beetlestone and his Officers conferred the Third Degree in a very able and efficient manner. W. Bro. Ladd presenting the working tools and W. Bro. White giving the charge.

St. John's Lodge No. 284, Brussels. I visited this, my mother Lodge, on Nov. 20th, 1923. I am convinced that much of the strength of St. John's Lodge is due to the keen interest taken in Lodge affairs by the Past Masters.

The Master Mason's Degree was conferred by W. Bro. White, and his efficient staff of officers in a very creditable manner.

Fordwich Lodge, No. 331, Fordwich. I visited this Lodge on November 22nd, 1923, with several brethren from my mother Lodge. W. Bro. Ashton and his staff of officers exemplified the work of the First Degree, in a very pleasing and efficient manner.

Forest Lodge No. 162, Wroxeter. I paid my official visit to this Lodge on December 17th, 1923. W. Bro. Wright and his staff exemplified the First Degree on a well prepared candidate, in an excellent manner.

Northern Light Lodge No. 93, Kincardine. I officially visited this Lodge on April 2nd, 1924. I was met on my arrival by R.W. Bro. McPherson, and was courteously received by the brethren.

The W.M. Bro. J. D. McKenzie and his officers conferred the First Degree in a most satisfactory manner.

A pleasing feature of this Lodge is the singing, in Lodge and banquet room, of an excellent choir, which contributes to the entertainment of all.

Teeswater Lodge No. 276, Teeswater. I visited this Lodge on April 24th, 1924. The following Past District Deputy Grand Masters were present, R.W. Bros. Loughleen, Gibson, Brown and Fowler.

The W.M. Bro. Pennington and his officers are to be congratulated on the excellent manner in which they exemplified the work of the First Degree.

Wingham Lodge No. 286, Wingham. I visited this Lodge on May 8th, 1924. I was accompanied by a score of brethren of my own Lodge, and the attendance was one of the largest in the District.

W. Bro. Stewart and his officers conferred the First Degree in a very creditable manner.

Hullett Lodge No. 568, Londesboro. I paid my official visit to this Lodge on May 13th, 1924, there was a large attendance, many brethren being present from neighboring Lodges.

W. Bro. A. Wells presided, and with his efficient staff of officers, exemplified the work of the First Degree in an excellent manner.

This is but a young Lodge, for which I predict a bright and successful future.

Old Light Lodge No. 184, Lucknow. I visited this Lodge on May 15th, 1924. W. Bro. Stewart and his officers conferred the Second Degree in a very capable manner on a well prepared candidate. This Lodge is to be congratulated in having an exceptionally well skilled member in the person of R.W. Bro. Patterson, P.D.D. G.M.

Bernard Lodge No. 225, Listowel. I visited this Lodge on May 16th, 1924, and was kindly received by the W.M. Bro. Stewart and the brethren; their candidate, who is a Doctor, was unexpectedly called out, so there was no work. The Lodge was opened and closed in the Three Degrees, in a faultless manner. Inspiring addresses on Masonry were given by W. Bro. Rev. J. M. Nicol and others, which were much appreciated.

Blyth Lodge No. 303, Blyth. I paid an official visit to this Lodge on May 20th, 1924, accompanied by several brethren of my own Lodge. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. W. Bro. Sander-son and his officers conferred the Third Degree in a very

creditable manner, W. Bro. Scott, delivering the charges in good style, and intend celebrating their 50th Anniversary on July 4th.

Bruce Lodge No. 341, Tiverton. I visited this Lodge on May 22nd, 1924, and was courteously and most hospitably, received by the W.M. Bro. Steincamp, officers, and brethren. This lodge is in a prosperous condition. The Third Degree was conferred on a well skilled candidate, in a manner which left no room for criticism.

It was also a great pleasure and satisfaction to find the books of the several Lodges kept in such neat and perfect manner by their able secretaries.

Huron District No. 5, held its Past Masters meeting in Wingham Lodge, on November 12th, 1923. There were thirty-five Past Masters present and nine Lodges were represented. Everything points to a successful and prosperous condition Masonically, in the District.

A District Divine service was held in Wingham Methodist church, on June 15th, 1924, when there were over two hundred Brethren present. Every Lodge in the District was represented, and many of the Brethren expressed their appreciation of the service; and expressed their desire that it should be continued each year.

In conclusion, I wish to express the great pleasure I have felt in visiting the various Lodges of the District. I have been most loyally received and hospitably entertained, and have met with the greatest kindness and courtesy wherever I have gone. The memory of the pleasant hours spent with my brethren, during my official visits, will never be forgotten.

I trust that a large share of the benefits I have received during my term of office may have been experienced by the brethren in this district. I trust that my successor, whoever he may be, will enjoy the same fraternal consideration and support which I have received.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. WILTON,
D.D.G.M. North Huron District.

ONTARIO DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Members of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren.—

I beg to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in this district for the Masonic year ending June 24th, 1924, and I feel that I cannot let this opportunity pass without expressing my very sincere and deep appreciation to the Brethren of the District in electing me to the high and important position of District Deputy Grand Master, and also to say that if the Brethren of the District have received half the benefit and pleasure that I have received as a result of my visits and other associations with them I shall be more than satisfied.

I have been right royally received everywhere in the District, and it makes one feel good, to say the least, to know that he has the honour of membership with such a lot of real good fellows.

This being the first year of the newly arranged Districts, I take this opportunity of congratulating M.W. Bro. Malone and his committee on the very great improvement effected in the territorial adjustment of the Ontario District. It goes without saying that we regretted losing the five lodges transferred to the new Peterborough District but the advantages gained in having a more compact district, more than counterbalances this, and after all they are not really lost as we are all one large family.

My first official act was to appoint Wor. Bro. T. J. Stenhouse as District Secretary and Bro. Canon Sawers as District Chaplain, and my choice has been fully justified. Wor. Bro. Stenhouse has been particularly active, and has accompanied me on nearly all my official visits and his assistance in many ways has been most valuable.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I report an uniform high standard of excellence in the work of all the Lodges of the District; there is not a weak lodge in any sense of the word, and the officers of the various lodges in

addition to being practically letter perfect have the spirit and the meaning of the work in their hearts and this is forcefully expressed in their exemplification of the various degrees.

The musical ritual is used in some of the Lodges and while our beautiful work does not need any embellishments, still, personally I prefer it combined with the music, and would suggest that all our Lodges adopt this practice as the results are more interesting and impressive to all concerned.

In my opinion, Masonry is a very live thing in this District and our members are, I fully believe, faithfully endeavouring to live up to its principles and teachings.

On October 13th, 1923, at Bowmanville, it was unanimously resolved, at a specially called meeting, to form a Past Master's Association, and the Past District Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. James Moore was elected its first President.

A later meeting was held in Oshawa which was addressed by Rt. Wor. Bro. Nixon, Rt. Wor. Bro. E. W. E. Saunders, and Wor. Bro. N. W. J. Haydon and others, there is a general feeling of satisfaction at its formation, also that it will be a valuable agency in the promotion of the higher aims of the Craft in this District.

On December 11th, last St. John's Lodge No. 17, Cobourg had the great honour and pleasure of a visit from the M.W. the Grand Master, Bro. W. J. Drope, and the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan on the occasion of the presentation of Masonic jewels and other suitable gifts to five brethren who had achieved fifty years membership in the Order. These were:— V.W. Bro. R. Buck, W. Bro. J. W. Bickle, W. Bro. R. J. Winch, Bro. G. Guillet and Bro. P. Williamson. The Grand officers were enthusiastically received and welcomed and this meeting is one which will be long remembered by all.

On December 14th, I had the honour and privilege of making a visit, by invitation, to the Lodge in which I

was initiated, passed and raised, being the first Mason made by Cardinal Lodge No. 491, Eastern District, while U.D. in March 1909. I was received with open arms by the Worshipful Master, Bro. C. F. Williams and the members, all old friends, and the meeting brought back many very pleasant memories during the enjoyable evening. On May 6th, 1924, I visited Central Lodge, No. 110, Prescott, St. Lawrence District having been invited by the W.M. to attend for the purpose of conferring the Third Degree on my second son, Albert T., a resident of that town; a very large delegation was present from Cardinal and Spencerville, and there were altogether 14 Lodges represented with around 200 brethren present; A most successful and pleasant evening was enjoyed by all, and many members of Central Lodge expressed themselves as being very glad that their rooms were the scene of the rather unusual event of a father conferring a degree on his son. It is almost needless to add that I esteem it a very great honour and privilege to have been present at this meeting and ceremony.

On November 13th I visited my home Lodge, St. Johns No. 17, Cobourg, This is the oldest Lodge in the District and I was most enthusiastically received by a large attendance of members and visitors. The First Degree was conferred in a most excellent manner by the Wor. Master, Bro. J. W. Spragge and his officers assisted by several Past Masters. I regret that the attendance for some time has not been very good and in my remarks I emphasized this point, and the general feeling was that a decided improvement must be made and later developments show this to have taken place. The officers are all smart and bright and there is plenty of good material both in them and other members for the highest positions in the gift of the Lodge. The secretary, W. Bro. M. A. Hewson has his books in excellent shape.

On November 22nd, 1923, I paid an official visit to Orono Lodge No. 325, Orono. A splendid attendance, including visitors from Oshawa and Cobourg. Although practically unknown I was welcomed very nicely. The Third Degree was excellently conferred by the W. Master, Bro. E. J. Osborne, his officers and Past Masters and the expression and dignity shown was really very fine especially considering the difficulties under which

country lodges sometimes work. A very fine Lodge room, tastily decorated, neat and attractive, records well kept made me well pleased with Masonic conditions in this village.

November 23rd, 1923. Fidelity Lodge No. 428, Port Perry was visited. The weather proved very discouraging on account of sleet and rain as it was necessary to motor this distance from Cobourg, but other brethren from Cobourg went out with me and the reception at Port Perry well repaid any inconvenience due to the weather. I was heartily greeted by W. Bro. Cawker, who proceeded to the conferring of the First Degree which was done in a pleasing and intelligent manner while the musical ritual added to the enjoyment and the candidate was greatly impressed. The officers are well trained in every way, and the books of the Lodge are well kept.

January 8th, 1924. I visited Lebanon Lodge No. 139 Oshawa. A very large attendance of members and visitors was present, and was received and welcomed in a splendid manner which was to be expected from such a large and important lodge. The Wor. Master W. Bro. H. B. James and his officers are very efficient, and conferred the Third Degree in a very smart as well as impressive manner. A feature here was the good work done by the Past Masters.

March 7th, 1924, Composite Lodge, No. 30 was visited being right royally received by a splendid attendance. The Third Degree was conferred by the W. Master, Wor. Bro. F. W. Jones, officers and Past Masters in a most eloquent and splendid manner. A quartette, rich toned and pleasing added the full musical score and it was a great treat to me and I am sure to all present. Altogether a most enjoyable evening, and it was a matter of regret that the District secretary and I had to leave in order to catch a train, before the banquet was over. I appreciated very much the many kindly words expressed to me during this visit. The books of the lodge in good shape and well kept.

On March 21st, 1924, I visited Ontario Lodge No. 26, Port Hope accompanied by both District Secretary

and Chaplain the latter Bro. Canon F. J. Sawers, having been initiated in this Lodge. Many Cobourg brethren were also present and I received a splendid reception and welcome. The Wor. Master W. Bro. L. T. Sylvester and an able staff of officers and Past Masters conferred the Third Degree in a very creditable way drawing commendatory remarks from many present. The Lodge room is equipped with a fine pipe organ, the only one in the District and while the musical ritual was not used, appropriate selections were rendered in a pleasing manner by the Organist during the ceremony. The officers are well conversant with their work and Wor. Bro. F. H. Batty is a very efficient secretary.

April 4th, 1924, visited Hope Lodge No. 114, Port Hope, several Cobourg brethren accompanying me, and visitors from other points being present. I received a truly Masonic welcome, being introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. George in gracious and very flattering terms. W. Bro. A. E. Fulford, Wor. Master and his officers conferred the first degree in a faultless manner which very much impressed the candidate. I hope both Port Hope lodges will be able to use the splendid pipe organ more frequently than has been the case in the past since it seems a pity not to make the fullest use of this splendid instrument to the greatest advantage. The secretary, W. Bro. T. H. Bell is a capable and efficient officer of many years service, and it is with great regret that we hear he is contemplating resigning the office which he has so long and worthily filled.

On April 15th, 1924, Durham Lodge, No. 66, Newcastle was visited being heartily welcomed by a good attendance. This Lodge has been fortunate in securing quarters in the new Community Hall of that town, recently completed and which is indeed an asset and credit to this thriving place. The rooms are very substantial and appropriate with the exception of lack of a "Candidate" room and I made suggestions whereby this feature might be remedied, which were promised consideration. The W. Master, W. Bro. J. Welsh, his officers and Past Masters conferred the first degree very nicely indeed, and the musical ritual was put on for the first time in the history of the lodge and was exceptionally well done.

Durham Lodge is one of the two lodges having the largest percentage of attendance during the past year.

On April 16th, 1924, I visited Jerusalem Lodge No. 31, Bowmanville. This was a real gala night. A very large attendance of members and visitors were present from whom I received a most gratifying reception being introduced by two P.D.D.G.M.'s, Right Wor. Bros. Hoar and Bonnycastle. The W. Master, W. Bro. A. Elliott and his officers conferred the third degree with musical ritual in a smooth, intelligent and pleasing manner. All the officers are very proficient and I must specially mention the Deacons who were really excellent. The Secretary, W. Bro. T. Annison is a very keen officer and his books being exceptionally well kept and showing great efforts and painstaking methods. All went away with the feeling of this having been an exceptional occasion and I appreciate very much the cordial reception accorded me.

April 22nd, 1924, I visited Cedar Lodge No. 270 Oshawa, accompanied by a delegation from Cobourg. There was a very large attendance including Rt. W. Bros. J. A. Slade, A. J. Brown, P.D.D.G.M.'s and W. Bro. Tamblyn, all of Toronto. I was officially introduced in a very charming manner by a venerable member of the Lodge, W. Bro. A. E. Henry and enthusiastically received. The first degree was conferred by the W. Master, W. Bro. W. H. Ross and his officers and Past Masters in a very splendid and intelligent manner, showing great attention to detail but which was not allowed to detract from the impressiveness of this degree. The musical ritual was also used and added greatly to the beauty of the ceremony. This was most beautifully sung by a quartette who also rendered an additional selection which was very enjoyable. This being my first visit to Oshawa since this flourishing place had taken on the dignity of a City, I took occasion on behalf of the Masons of the District to congratulate the two Lodges, and through them, the citizens generally, on this auspicious event and to offer our very best wishes for the baby city's future and continued progress. After the banquet I delivered an address on "Service," and interesting speeches were made by the distinguished brethren from

Toronto and others. A very wonderful evening and one which will be long remembered.

May 13th, 1924 visited Mount Zion Lodge No. 39 Brooklin. There was a good attendance, notwithstanding the poor condition of the roads at the time. This is the home and mother lodge of the I.P.D.D.G.M., Rt. Wor. Bro. Jas. Moore, who introduced me in a very gracious and pleasant way, and I was accorded a gratifying reception. This Lodge is the only one in this District that owns its own building, and I feel that it is to be congratulated on this fact, particularly considering the size of the place compared with other points in the District where Masonic lodges are located, and shows what can be done. I hope other Lodges will follow the example of Mount Zion Lodge in this respect as opportunity offers. The second degree was conferred by Wor. Master, E. E. Patterson, officers and Past Masters which was well done. This lodge has as members, two brothers, both being P.D.D.G.M.'s one of whom I have mentioned, the other, Dr. J. J. Moore is a P.D.D.G.M. of many years standing and his work on this occasion in the conferring of the degree was of a very high order. I specially mention this Rt. W. Brother's work on account of the circumstances referred to above. Mount Zion Lodge shares with Durham Lodge the honour of having the highest average attendance for the past year, both having 34%.

May 23rd, 1924, Colborne Lodge No. 91 was visited. A good delegation accompanied me including the District Secretary and Chaplain. I was accorded a splendid reception. The Wor. Master, W. Bro. Wolfraim and officers assisted by Past Masters conferred the third degree, the work of the Wor. Master and I.P.M. Wor. Bro. Brannigan, being particularly good. It was a great regret that owing to an important business engagement, matters had to be hurried along and I was unable to stay for the banquet and subsequent proceedings.

On Sunday June 22nd, 1924. Local members and visiting brethren from Port Hope attended Divine Service at St. Peters Church, Cobourg, at which the service was taken by the Rector, Rev. Canon F. J. Sawers, District Chaplain, while the Grand Chaplain,

Rt. Wor. Bro. Cannon Blgrave of Peterborough preached a very eloquent and instructive sermon. On June 24th, I had the honour and privilege for the sixth consecutive time of installing the officers of St. John's Lodge No. 17 Cobourg.

I feel the year has been one of progress, as it has been harmonious. I trust it has been one of profit to others as it has been to me. The visiting of other Lodges has been a great inspiration and of inestimable benefit to me, and has demonstrated that the true and great Masonic spirit is alive and active throughout the District. I again acknowledge with great gratitude the many courtesies and kindnesses that have been extended to me, and I bespeak with confidence the same treatment and co-operation to my successor.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

E. J. WORMINGTON,
D.D.G.M., Ontario District.

OTTAWA DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

I have the honour to submit herewith my report on the conditions of Masonry in Ottawa District No. 16.

I desire to record my appreciation of the very great honor conferred upon me and my Mother Lodge in my election to the office of District Deputy Grand Master of this large and influential district.

I also desire to publicly recognize the many kindnesses and courtesies shown me by the Lodges of the District during my term of office, I am proud to say that the Loyalty of the district to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master is beyond question and the reception accorded me as his representative was such as to provide inspiration and encouragement in the discharge of my duty.

My first official act was to appoint Bro. Henry Newham, the worthy secretary of my Mother Lodge for years, my secretary. He has rendered me very valuable assistance until sickness prevented him for the past four months continuing in his good work. I am glad to report he has almost recovered from his serious illness.

I am pleased to report Ottawa District No. 16 in a prosperous condition. It was an easy task to inspect the work of the Lodges as each member and officer endeavored to do his best from the Junior Steward to the Worshipful Master and Immediate Past Master.

Harmony and good fellowship prevails throughout the 27 Lodges and I was very greatly impressed with the fraternal visitations during the year between the city and outside lodges. I have tried to encourage this as much as possible and nearly every lodge in the district has clearly demonstrated that visitation helps each lodge to a greater and higher standard and good fellowship.

The Past Masters association of this District of which Wor. Bro. W. M. Tobey as President and Wor. Bro. John Gray as secretary are doing excellent work. Nearly every Sunday afternoon during the winter months excellent lectures were given in the Lodge room by capable brethren. May their good work continue.

The Secretaries of the various lodges throughout the district are nearly all Past Masters at their work. Their attractive summons and work is excellent.

I am very grateful for the assistance rendered me by the Past District Deputy Grand Masters, Past Masters and Worshipful Masters throughout my tenure of office. I might especially mention Rt. Wor. Bro. C. W. Jeffrey, Rt. Wor. Bro. E. S. MacPhail and V.W. Bro. John Munroe; Rt. W. Bro. M. R. MacFarlane, W. Bro. E. J. McCleery, W. Bro. J. A. Ross, W. Bro. Marriott and Wor. Bro. H. H. W. Nesbit.

I regret that I was unable to fulfill several social engagements and particularly the 75th Anniversary of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, when Wor. Bro. W. J. Drope, Grand Master was present.

I officially visited every Lodge in the District with exception of Ashlar No. 564, Ottawa, owing to sickness and as this Lodge meets on Saturday I found it impossible to attend later on in the year much to my regret. Rt. Wor. Bro. C. W. Jeffrey very kindly officiated and his report is given under official visits.

October 12th. I had the pleasure of visiting St. John's Lodge No. 63, Carleton Place, accompanied by about sixty visiting brethren from the various lodges of Ottawa, Almonte, Cobden, Hazeldean and Arnprior, there was a good attendance of their own members. Wor. Bro. W. M. Pattie worked the Second Degree in a very creditable manner and was well supported by his officers. I can safely state it was the best meeting held in St. John's Lodge for some years. Rt. Wor. Bro. Steele and Rt. Wor. Bro. McIntosh were present. The Wor. Master and officers resolved to do more visiting. Rt. Wor. Bro. McIntosh is a very capable secretary. I was accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. M. R. MacFarlane.

October 15th. I visited Enterprise Lodge, No. 516 Beachburg, accompanied by Wor. Bro. Neil Campbell, Arnprior, Wor. Bro. Craymore and his officers exemplified the third degree in a very impressive manner and were entitled to the highest praise that was extended to them. The attendance was exceptionally large, many visiting brethren from Pembroke, Renfrew, Cobden, and Eganville, were present including Most Wor. Bro. Burritt and Rt. Wor. Bro. Josephs. Bro. Creegan is a very efficient secretary and the books of the Lodge are in excellent order.

October 23rd. I officially visited Chaudiere Lodge No. 264, Ottawa. This was my first visit to the City and the brethren were present in great numbers filling the capacity of the lodge room. Wor. Bro. Wm. Gray exemplified the third degree in a very impressive and creditable manner assisted by his regular officers and everyone of them were up to a high standard. Rt. Wor. Bro. McKee and many of the ruling Masters of the city were present. On behalf of the Lodge I presented. Wor. Bro. John Barlow with a Past Masters' Jewel. Chaudiere Lodge is in a very prosperous condition, Bro. Henry Gates is a very efficient secretary.

November 5th. I had the pleasure of visiting Renfrew Lodge No. 122 Renfrew. There was a good attendance and Wor. Bro. J. K. Rochester and his officers worked the first degree and the reputation that this Lodge enjoys for good work was well sustained. The presence of Rt. Wor. Bro. David Barr the oldest member of the Lodge and still active presenting the working tools to the candidate was appreciated by all. This Lodge is ably supported by Rt. Wor. Bro. Cox, P.D.D.G.M. and Wor. Bro. Winters, Wor. Bro. Hugh MacDonald the Secretary with Bro. Smith his assistant perform their duties very efficiently.

November 15th. I visited St. Andrew's Lodge No. 560, Ottawa. Many Past D.D.G.M.'s were present including Rt. Wor. Bros. McKee, Jeffrey and McPhail. Wor. Bro. F. C. Nunnick and his officers exemplified the first degree in exceptionally good style. Bro. Nunnick has a very clear and impressive delivery and a very efficient staff of officers behind him. Wor. Bro. E. L.

Taylor delivered the Past Masters charge exceptionally well to say the least it was perfect. The music rendered by the choir greatly added to the ceremony and the lecture delivered by the Junior Warden was worthy of praise. The Secretary, Bro. Baker is very active and his Summonses are very attractive, altogether the officers of this Lodge are well balanced, accurate and a credit to the Lodge.

December 4th. I visited Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231, Ottawa, Wor. Bro. Aubrey A. MacDonald the W.M. exemplified the first degree assisted by his regular officers. The work was very well done indeed and the officers are all well up in their work—The Junior Warden and Junior Deacon were both efficient. Lodge of Fidelity is very fortunate in having Rt. Wor. Bro. H. W. Wilson and Wor. Bro. Shaw as Treasurer and Secretary. The music added greatly to the ceremony. Wor. Bro. B. R. McKay's address on a Mason in India was well received. On June 10th, 1924, I was present at a special meeting of this Lodge when Wor. Bro. Clarke and his officers and members of Racquet River Lodge No. 213, Potsdam, N. Y., were present and exemplified the third degree and Wor. Bro. MacDonald and his officers and committee are to be congratulated on their undertaking which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

December 14th. It was great pleasure for me to visit this Lodge, The Builders, No. 177, Ottawa, accompanied by many Past District Deputies and sitting Masters of the city lodges—Wor. Bro. T. R. Browne the Wor. Master conferred the first degree in a very able manner. The officers of the lodge are well up in their work. The Junior Wardens lecture by Bro. J. A. Dobbie was excellently given also the Past Master's charge in the East by Wor. Bro. Bateman. Builders Lodge is in a very flourishing condition. I regretted the absence of V.W. Bro. H. W. Cairns the worthy secretary, who had been ill and who was a regular attendant of the lodge.

January 5th. Owing to illness I requested Wor. Bro. Gowling the Wor. Master of this Lodge Ashlar No. 564 Ottawa to ask Rt. Wor. Bro. C. W. Jeffrey to substitute for me whose report is as follows:—The work of the first degree was exceptionally excellent and now words of

praise could be considered flattery. Wor. Bro. Gowling was word perfect in his ritual and seems to have created enthusiasm in all his officers so that the entire work was particularly harmonious. The Senior Warden as well as the Deacons and outside Guard performed each of their several duties in a masterly way. This is a new lodge but both the treasurer and secretary are Past Masters of long and excellent standing and their books are in good order—I was well received as your representative and the evening was a most enjoyable one.

January 14th. I visited the Madawaska Lodge No. 196, Arnprior accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. M. R. MacFarlane of Almont, Very Wor. Bro. John Munroe of Ottawa and Wor. Bro. J. K. Rochester. Renfrew. The brethren of Madawaska spared no time and preparation in making the event of my official visit to my Mother Lodge a great success and it was the best evening spent in this lodge for many years. Wor. Bro. Bremner the Worshipful Master exemplified the first degree in an excellent manner and his officers all performed their duties very creditably. The Junior Warden's lecture by Bro. J. Lorne Whyte was excellently given. The work of Senior Warden, Junior Deacon and Inner Guard were all well performed. The charge in the East by Wor. Bro. McNab was well delivered. This lodge is fortunate in having Bro. Henry Newham as Secretary. The books and finces are in good condition, Lodge room neat and clean and prospects good.

January 15th. My official visit to Dalhousie Lodge No. 52 Ottawa, the oldest lodge in the district was a very enjoyable one many old time Masons were present. Bro. P. A. Holmes, the Wor. Master and the youngest Master in the city, exemplified the first degree in a very able style. He has a very clear voice and impressed the candidate and all present to a very high degree. The Junior Warden's lecture was excellent, Bro. E. H. Scammell the Junior Deacon performed his duties in a very dignified manner. The Inner Guard performed his duties very impressively. The excellent charge in the East by Wor. Bro. C. P. Tilley was perfect. Dalhousie Lodge is fortunate in having Wor. Bro. J. T. Jackson as chaplain and Bro. H. W. Jackson as Secretary, and Wor. Bro. R. G. Knox as Treasurer, who spared no time in their

endeavours to assist in making this Lodge prosperous. At the banquet a very instructive lecture on "Ireland and the Irish" by Bro. Rev. Canon Fitzgerald of Kingston was a real treat.

February 12th. My visit to Cobden Lodge No. 459 Cobden accompanied by several visiting brethren from Pembroke, Eganville, Almonte, Renfrew and Arnprior. There was a very good attendance, many Past Masters of the Lodge were present. Bro. Samuel MacLaren the newly installed Worshipful Master conferred the third degree very impressively, owing to illness the candidate was unable to be present and the worthy secretary, Bro. H. E. Morris consented to act in his place and made a real good candidate. The officers are all well up in their work, Wor. Bro. McLaren has great assistance from the Past Masters of this lodge particularly from Wor. Bro. Collins, Murdock, Gemmill, Oats and Smith. The Lodge has an excellent home in the new Memorial Hall and harmony was the key note.

February 22nd. I visited officially Prince of Wales Lodge No. 371 Ottawa, accompanied by about thirty members of Madawaska Lodge No. 196, Arnprior, who received a special invitation to be present. There was a very large attendance. Wor. Bro. MacDonald and his officers exemplified the first degree with full musical ritual in a very able manner and clearly demonstrated that the officers of his lodge are all well up to the high standard. The charge in the East by Wor. Bro. H. S. Low was exceptionally good and Bro. Sykes the Junior Warden delivered the lecture with great credit to himself and the lodge. The music by the choir was excellently rendered. Bro. Roy the candidate was of a very high type. The rest of the officers are all well up in their work. Rt. Wor. Bro. Northwood, Wor. Bro. McCoy, and Wor. Bro. Revell never falter in trying to make this lodge an example of the true spirit of Brotherhood.

February 28th. I paid an official visit to Rideau Lodge No. 595, Ottawa and received a hearty welcome from all present. This is the youngest Lodge in the District and is making excellent advancement along Masonic lines. Bro. Rev. Jefferson the newly installed Worshipful Master in January worked the Entered

Apprentice degree very satisfactory. The work of the W.M. was exceptionally good also the Junior Warden and Junior Deacon. The Senior Warden clearly demonstrated he had his work and ready for advancement. Wor. Bro. C. F. Winters delivered the charge in the East with exceptional ability. Bro. A. C. Wiltshire is a very capable secretary. The music rendered by the choir was greatly appreciated. The banquet provided was of a very high standard and the lecture by Wor. Bro. J. G. Metz, entitled "The Early Lodges of North America" was enjoyed by all.

March 6th. This evening I visited Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke. There was a good attendance of their own members and several visiting brethren. The Worshipful Master, A. J. Millar conferred the Second Degree on Bro. J. A. Campbell who was an excellent candidate and a faithful soldier in the Great War. The work of the evening was well done. All the officers did their work with great credit to themselves and the Lodge, I regretted the absence of Past Grand Master W. R. White, and J. H. Burritt through illness. This lodge is fortunate in retaining the services of Bro. D. W. Blakely as secretary. The lodge room is excellent and harmony among the brethren prevails throughout. The choir under the leadership of Wor. Bro. Garrow added greatly to the degree work. The address delivered by V.W. Bro. J. P. Millar on "Canada" greatly added to the success of the evening.

March 24th. I visited Civil Service Lodge No. 148 Ottawa. The Worshipful Master Bro. D. B. Nugent and his officers worked the Master Masons Degree in a manner that always characterizes Civil Service Lodge. His clear voice and good expression of speech made it very impressive and his officers assisted him in a very able manner. The music by the choir was excellent and added greatly to the degree work. The books of the lodge are in excellent condition with Wor. Bro. Lothrop as secretary and Rt. Wor. Bro. Thos. Shanks as Treasurer.

March 27th. I officially visited Sydney Albert Luke Lodge No. 558 and received a hearty welcome about 85% of their own members were present. Wor. Bro. Hardy and his officers conferred the first degree in a very satis-

factory manner, all doing their work very creditably. The Junior Warden's lecture was well delivered. Wor. Bro. Burton E. Gamble delivered the Past Masters charge in an excellent and impressive manner and is a very efficient active Mason in the Lodge. This Lodge is very active and is trying to demonstrate that the name Sydney Albert Luke is never forgotten. The books are well kept under the capable secretaryship of Wor. Bro. Hayes and Wor. Bro. John Lochart is Treasurer.

April 2nd. I visited Defenders Lodge No. 590, Ottawa. A good attendance, several brethren were present from Almonte accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. M. R. McFarlane to whom the lodge honored by making him a life member and presented him with a Masonic pin with crest of Defenders Lodge. The Wor. Master Bro. R. M. Stewart worked the first degree in a manner that was a credit to himself and Defenders Lodge. The rest of his officers excelled themselves. The floor work was of exceptionally high degree even the candidate Bro. Brownlee who had a real military training equal to the rest of the officers. The immediate Past Master Wor. Bro. W. C. Marriott who held office for twenty-six months and to whom a great deal of credit of the success of this lodge, is especially interested in Masonic work and his charge in the East was of exceptional merit.

April 4th was the occasion of my official visit to Doric Lodge No. 58, Ottawa, accompanied by many distinguished visitors from the city and outside. The name "Doric" stands out very prominently in Masonry in Ottawa District No. 16 so many of the brethren who attained high rank in masonry were and are members of this Lodge. One in particular was the late Most Wor. Bro. Sydney Albert Luke, Past Grand Master and I am delighted to see that a real true spirit of masonry striving to advance still permeates the Lodge room. The Worshipful Master, Bro. H. R. Cram conferred the first degree very creditably. His officers all did their work well. Bro. McLean the Junior Warden gave his lecture very impressively. Wor. Bro. J. A. Ross is a Past Master as Secretary, his Summons and his own special bulletin monthly clearly shows his love for Masonry. The lecture in the banquet hall by Bro. Keyes on "The Power of Suggestion" was wonderful.

April 9th. I visited Ionic Lodge No 526 Westboro. There was an exceptionally large attendance, scarcely could all the brethren gain admission, I was accompanied by many of the sitting Masters of Ottawa and also many Past District Deputies from this district and district No. 6, Quebec, also had the pleasure of the company of Rt. Wor. Bro. Sinclair of the sister Jurisdiction of Prince Edward Island. The Worshipful Master, W. J. Abra and his officers conferred the first degree in a very creditable style. This lodge has a very bright future. The Junior Warden's lecture and the excellent work of the Junior Deacon was well worthy of praise. Ionic Lodge has many Past Masters who love the work and a great deal of the success of this lodge is due to the above members, Wor. Bro. Carkner, V.W. Bro. Saunders and Wor. Bro. Cramm are very active workers. The books of the lodge are in good hands with Rt. Wor. Bro. F. A. Henry as Treasurer and Bro. Watters as Secretary.

April 25th. I officially visited Acacia Lodge No. 561, Westboro, where there was a good attendance of members and visitors. The Worshipful Master, W. A. Dier worked the first degree very creditably. The officers of the lodge are very efficient in their work, exceptionally good work was exemplified by Junior Warden, Junior Deacon and Inner Guard. Wor. Bro. M. N. Cummings delivered the charge in a very impressive manner and is a very active member in the Lodge. Bro. Crocket is a very efficient secretary. A very friendly feeling exists between the lodges of Ionic No. 526 and Acacia No. 561.

May 13th. I visited Goodwood Lodge No. 159, Richmond accompanied by several of the brethren from Westboro and Ottawa lodges. There was a good attendance of their own members. The Worshipful Master A. L. Tubman and his officers conferred the first degree and the work was done in a very satisfactory manner. The secretary, Bro. Gordon has the books in good order and is very efficient. Wor. Bro. L. W. Nixon, J. Hemphill and R. C. Channonhouse are active members of this lodge. This is a very historic lodge and the brethren take great pleasure in relating some of their old time experiences. The Lodge room is very comfortable and pre-

sents a good appearance. The attendance at regular meetings is above average.

May 16th. My visit to Carleton Lodge No. 465, Carp on the above evening was most pleasant. I was accompanied by about thirty members of my Mother Lodge also several brethren from Richmond, Westboro, and Ottawa. This Lodge has suffered a great deal of hardships owing to the fire a few of few years ago. They are now in their new hall and words of praise were not flattery when I found the brethren in a well furnished up to date lodge room. The Wor. Master Bro. A. B. Hyndman and his regular officers exemplified the first degree in a very pleasing manner and clearly demonstrated that they are all well up in their work. The books of the lodge are in excellent condition and the secretary Bro. Geo. A. Moore is a Past Master at his work. The worthy secretary delivered the charge in the East in a very impressive manner.

June 7th. At the request of Rt. Wor. Bro. F. A. Henry, P.D.D.G.M. and President of the Temple Company I was present and officially turned the first sod for the New Masonic Temple at Westboro. This is to be the future home of Ionic Lodge No. 526 and Acacia Lodge No. 561. The committee in charge which Wor. Bro. Abra is the chief Architect, are worthy of the highest praise from the brethren of District No. 16, in their great undertaking.

June 9th. My official visit to Bonnehère Lodge No. 433, Eganville was a great pleasure. Wor. Bro. James Reeves and Wor. Bro. Milligan received me with greatest hospitality from the time I reached Eganville until I departed. There was a very large attendance of their own members and several visting brethren from Pembroke, Renfrew, Beachburg and Cobden. The Worshipful Master Bro. Geo. Reeves and his officers exemplified the first degree in a very efficient and impressive manner. The Junior Warden's lecture by Bro. Thompson was exceedingly well given. The rest of the officers are all thorough in their work. The Past Master's charge by Wor. Bro. R. G. Boland was well given and very impressive. The worthy secretary Wor. Bro.

Jas. Reeves is a real enthusiastic mason and is rendering excellent service to masonry and to his lodge.

June 11th. I officially visited Hazeldean Lodge No. 517, Hazeldean. There was the largest attendance in the history of the Lodge not only of visitors from Westboro, Ottawa, Richmond, Arnprior and Carp, but of their own members. This lodge is in a real prosperous condition and a real brotherly feeling is evident. Wor. Bro. J. G. McGuire and his officers worked the first degree and the work was of the highest standard and clearly demonstrated that Rt. Wor. Bro. R. H. Grant the founder of this lodge has impressed upon the members in previous years, that perfection is the key note. I regret that the Rt. Wor. Bro. Grant was unable to be present. Wor. Bro. MacCormack, Past Master of the Lodge is giving excellent service to Masonry and his Mother Lodge. Bro. J. R. McGuire is a very capable secretary. The charge by the Wor. Bro. McCaffrey was well received. Prince of Wales Quartette rendered excellent music and added greatly to the degree work.

June 13th. I visited Corinthian Lodge No. 476, North Gower. There was a large turn out of their own members particularly many of the older members of the Lodge for years standing, were present. The Wor. Master, M. J. Scobie, is a capable officer and conferred the F.C. Degree with great proficiency and was well supported by his regular officers. Bro. F. L. Brown the S.W. gave the lecture excellently and clearly demonstrated that he will fill the chair in the East with marked ability. Wor. Bro. J. H. Cryderman a Past Master for years is a very active secretary and is giving excellent service to masonry and his Lodge. The Lodge room is comfortable and well kept.

June 16th. I visited Russell Lodge No. 479, Russell, accompanied by Wor. Bros. Thos. R. Browne, J. Lochart, H. Lang, and H. H. W. Nesbit of Ottawa. In the absence of Wor. Bro. R. S. Page who has removed from Russell to Perth the immediate Past Master, Bro. J. A. Gamble worked the first degree in a very satisfactory manner. The Junior Warden gave his lecture with marked ability. The other officers all did their work well

Rev. W. B. Morgan is a very efficient secretary and Mason and the books are well kept. The Lodge has excellent quarters. I regretted the absence of Wor. Bro. R. S. Page who is very popular with the brethren.

In conclusion I wish to thank the many brethren who accompanied me on my visits to the various lodges. I also desire to thank the brethren for their many courtesies and kindnesses extended to me during the year, which will always be a pleasant memory to me.

Franternally submitted,

T. S. CHURCH,
D.D.G.M., Ottawa District.

PETERBOROUGH DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

I have the honor to submit herewith the first report on the condition of Masonry in Peterborough District for the past year.

I desire first to express my sincere appreciation of the honor conferred on me by the brethren in unanimously electing me as the First District Deputy Grand Master of this new District—an honor not sought; therefore, all the more appreciated; and also my gratitude for courtesy, kindness and hospitality that has been shown me everywhere throughout the District.

My first official act was to appoint Worshipful Brother Long District Secretary and Brother C. F. McIntosh District Chaplain, to both of whom I am indebted for the interest and assistance rendered during the year.

It gives me much pleasure to report that, without exception, I found all the Lodges in a flourishing condition; the Worshipful Masters and officers efficient and intensely interested in their work; the Degree work being very uniform and impressively exemplified. The books of the different Lodges are well kept, the secretaries being all men of ability who realize that on them much depends for the welfare and progress of their Lodge.

Everywhere a goodly number of Past Masters still maintain an active interest in the work; a fact which contributes in no small degree to the stability and progress of the Lodges. Harmony and a truly Masonic feeling has prevailed throughout the entire District.

I visited all the Lodges at least once officially and was present at many other meetings in a private capacity. This being a new District composed of

Lodges from three other Districts, it was my desire to bring these Lodges into closer relationship with each other for the mutual benefit of each Lodge, and the good of Masonry in the District as a whole.

The outstanding event of the year was the visit of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to this District, on December 27th, 1923, to install the officers of his mother Lodge, Peterborough Lodge No. 155, and also Corinthian Lodge No. 101, Peterborough, a large number of brethren being present to do honor to the Grand Master on this occasion.

Leaving Peterborough on December 28th, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master came to Campbellford for the purpose of dedicating the beautiful new Masonic Hall recently remodelled and furnished by Golden Rule Lodge No. 126. This Lodge now has a home they are justly proud of, being very complete in every way.

The Lodge Room on this occasion was filled to capacity, over one hundred and fifty being present, with sufficient Past Masters to fill every office of Grand Lodge. The addresses by Most Worshipful Brother Drope were highly instructive and entertaining, and appreciated by all the brethren present. A pleasing event of the evening was the presence at the banquet table of our Grand Master's brother, Mr. Thomas Drope, who still resides on the old Drope homestead near Campbellford.

Past Masters' Association

On Tuesday, May 13th, a meeting of the Ruling and Past Masters of the District was called for the purpose of organizing a Past Masters' Association. This meeting was well attended, every Lodge being well represented. This was successfully launched, a Constitution was adopted, officers elected, and various items of business for the good of the District disposed of. This association will play an important part in all matters of interest to the District.

Lodge of Instruction

A Lodge of Instruction was held in the Masonic Hall, Peterborough, on May 13th, under a dispensa-

tion to Corinthian Lodge No. 101. A large number of the brethren were present from every Lodge in the District, including many Past Grand Lodge officers and the present Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Blagrave.

The Lodge was opened in the First Degree by Worshipful Brother Smith and officers of Clementi Lodge No. 313, Lakefield, at 7.30 p.m. and a candidate examined in this Degree in a very creditable manner. After a few remarks on this Degree, Wor. Bro. Rowland and the officers of J. B. Hall Lodge No. 145 then assumed the chairs, opened the Lodge and examined a candidate in the Second Degree in an efficient manner.

Wor. Bro. Lancaster and the officers of Havelock Lodge No. 435 opened the Lodge in the Third Degree.

The Past Masters of the three Peterborough Lodges, viz., Corinthian No. 101, Peterborough No. 155 and Royal Arthur No. 523, with Rt. Wor. Bro. Duncan Walker acting as Worshipful Master and Rt. Wor. Bro. Blagrave Grand Chaplain in the Chaplain's chair. They exemplified the Third Degree in full with musical ritual in such a perfect and impressive manner that no fault could be found with any part of the work, Very Wor. Bro. J. G. R. Wilson giving the tracing board in his usual capable manner.

The brethren present were so impressed with the excellence of the work in this Degree they unanimously extended a hearty vote of thanks to the Past Masters, which Rt. Wor. Bro. Duncan Walker and Rt. Worshipful Bro. Blagrave gracefully acknowledged. The officers of Havelock Lodge closed the Lodge in the Third Degree in their usual efficient manner.

Wor. Bro. Kingston and the officers of Golden Rule Lodge No. 126 completed the Lodge of Instruction by closing the Lodge in the Second and First Degrees at 10.30 p.m. It was the opinion of all present that the evening was a very instructive and profitable one and could not fail to be of value to the Craft in this District.

Official Visits

My first official visit was made on October 2nd to Golden Rule Lodge No. 126, Campbellford. This is my mother Lodge, being the sixty-third anniversary of the Lodge's formation. It was appropriately made Past Masters' night.

Wor. Bro. Robert Bell acted as the Worshipful Master. Fifteen Past Masters were present, all assisting in the work. The First Degree was exemplified in an efficient and impressive manner. This is a progressive and enthusiastic Lodge, having remodelled and furnished complete new quarters, consisting of a beautiful Lodge room, ante-rooms, banquet room, club rooms, etc., etc., which are a credit to the Craft. The Lodge Room was filled to capacity, many visitors being present.

J. B. Hall Lodge No. 145, Millbrook.—Visited this Lodge on February 14th and was very cordially received. Wor. Bro. Rowland and the officers of the Lodge conferred the Second Degree accurately and very impressively.

This Lodge has a fine Lodge room and are fortunate in having Rt. Wor. Bro. Charles Thorndyke, P.D.D.G.M. of Ontario District as its secretary, who helps to keep the work up to a very high standard. Despite other attractions and a stormy night, there was a very fair attendance.

I officially visited Corinthian Lodge No. 101 on February 15th, when the First Degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. Lang and his officers in an excellent manner on three very bright candidates.

This is the oldest and one of the strongest Lodges in the District and has kept Masonry up to a high standard for more than seventy-five years. I was pleased to meet many Past Masters from other Lodges.

The Junior Warden's lecture was exceptionally well rendered. After the Lodge closed, a social evening was spent in the club rooms.

Royal Arthur Lodge No. 523, Peterborough.—My visit to this Lodge was on March 3rd. I was introduced by Wor. Bro. Breyfogle and warmly welcomed by the Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. Adair. The First Degree was exemplified upon two candidates in a proficient and capable manner.

The Lodge is progressive and its officers enthusiastic, Wor. Bro. Haley being an exceptionally efficient secretary.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Blgrave, Grand Chaplain, was present in his chair as Chaplain of the Lodge, whose presence in the Lodge is ever an inspiration to the brethren. A large number of Past Masters were present and assisted in the work.

I visited Clementi Lodge No. 313, Lakefield, on Tuesday, March 4th, accompanied by several brethren from Peterborough. There was a good attendance, despite a storm. I was cordially welcomed by the Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. Smith, who made my visit to Lakefield very pleasant.

The First Degree was conferred on two very bright candidates in efficient and impressive manner, the Past Masters ably assisting.

Clementi Lodge is making special preparations to celebrate its Golden Jubilee this year in a fitting manner, having been instituted in 1874.

A very pleasant social evening was spent after refreshments with the brethren.

I visited Havelock Lodge No. 435, Havelock, on their regular night, April 14th, accompanied by the District Secretary, and many brethren from Campbellford and Peterborough.

If there is any locality in the District where the real spirit of Masonry prevails among the brethren, it is perhaps Havelock; and in making this statement I know I shall not be accused of discriminating. The brethren of Havelock are all enthusiastic Masons and

the spirit of good fellowship that exists among them is extended to all visiting brethren.

It was a pleasure to hear Wor. Bro. Lancaster and his officers confer the Third Degree in a manner I have never seen surpassed, Very Wor. Bro. Wilson, of Peterborough, giving the tracing board in this Degree in his usual efficient manner.

Havelock Lodge have a fine Lodge room which was filled on this occasion, many brethren being present from long distances in the country. One brother, whom I was pleased to meet again, walked twelve miles and then drove fifteen miles to be present.

Bro. McNicol, the secretary, has his books and records in good shape.

My visit to this Lodge was so pleasant that I shall always cherish it as one of the bright events of my year as District Deputy Grand Master.

Percy Lodge No. 161, Warkworth, visited on April 16th, accompanied by Wor. Bros. Long, Clarke, Stone, Bygott, Cummings and thirty brethren from Campbellford. Many visitors were present from other neighboring Lodges, including Wor. Bro. Fowlds, Worshipful Master of Norwood Lodge No. 223.

This was the largest gathering of Masons ever held in Warkworth—the Lodge room being simply packed. Wor. Bro. Smooker and his officers conferred the First Degree in a capable and creditable manner, the Junior Warden giving the Tracing Board efficiently.

Officially visited Peterborough Lodge No. 155 on May 2nd, many brethren from Campbellford accompanying me. On being introduced by Very Wor. Bro. Wilson, I was cordially welcomed by Wor. Bro. Dobbin, the Worshipful Master, who, with his officers, exemplified the First Degree, with the musical ritual, efficiently and in an impressive manner. I was again pleased to see Rt. Wor. Bro. H. Rush, one of the oldest Past Masters in Peterborough, assisting in the

work, giving the charge in the north-east corner in his usual impressive manner.

This is the largest and strongest Lodge in the District, and has the honor of being the mother Lodge of our present Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. Drope, which is an honor to the District as a whole.

Keene Lodge No. 374, Keene.—I visited Keene Lodge on May 8th, several brethren from Campbellford and Peterborough being present:

The Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. Lovell, and his officers, despite the fact that it was the first time they had done the work, exemplified the First Degree in a splendid manner.

This Lodge is taking on new life and the prospects are brighter than they have been for many years. Wor. Bro. McCamus, one of the old pillars of the Lodge, was present and assisted.

A beautiful set of hand-painted Tracing Boards adorn the walls of this Lodge. The secretary is competent and the officers are sincere and earnest in the work.

I paid my official visit to Norwood Lodge No. 223, Norwood, on Monday, May 12th, many visitors being present from Campbellford, Warkworth and other places—the Lodge being well filled. Wor. Bro. Fowlds is a very busy man this year, being Warden of the United Counties of Northumberland; and also rebuilding a new elevator recently destroyed by fire, yet he still finds time to carry on the work of the Lodge, and with his officers, initiated an exceedingly bright candidate into Masonry in an efficient manner. I also visited this Lodge to attend Divine Service when the Grand Chaplain officiated. Wor. Bro. Pearse is a splendid secretary, much work devolving on him and Rt. Wor. Bro. Squire, which is carefully taken care of by them.

In conclusion may I again thank the brethren for the honor conferred on me, their never-failing kind-

nesses during the year, their hearty co-operation with me in the work of the new District; and finally, may I ask that the broad mantle of Masonic charity be spread over my many shortcomings? For these I am deeply grateful and I bespeak for my successor the same loyal support and friendship that has been bestowed upon me.

Fraternally submitted,

F. C. BONNYCASTLE, D.D.G.M.,
Peterborough District.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

I have the honor to herewith submit my report as D.D.G.M. of Prince Edward District for the past Masonic year.

First, I desire to express my sincere thanks to the brethren for the honor they bestowed upon me in electing me to that high and important office of District Deputy Grand Master of this District. I have endeavored to fulfil the duties as the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to the best of my ability, and with a full appreciation of the confidence placed in me by the brethren.

I also wish to express my gratitude for the kindness and courtesy shown me during my term of office.

My first duty was to appoint Wor. Bro. W. L. Rigg, of Deloro, District Secretary, and Wor. Bro. Rev. W. P. Woodger, of Trenton, District Chaplain; both the above named being Past Masters of Marmora Lodge No. 222.

I was particularly fortunate in being accompanied on many of my official visits by the Marmora Lodge Quartette, composed of Wor. Bros. W. L. Rigg, J. F. Baker, W. A. Sanderson and Bro. A. V. Yates. It was always a constant source of pleasure and inspiration to have these brethren with me, and they no doubt contributed to the enjoyment of the brethren in the social hour.

Visits

Lake Lodge No. 215, Ameliasburg.—I had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge on September 24th. There was a very large attendance of the brethren, and many visitors from neighboring Lodges, including Rt. Wor. Bro. R. A. Backus, of Belleville, and Rt. Wor. Bro. W. J. Potts, of Trenton, P.D.D.G.M.'s. There being no regular work, I had the Wor. Bro. Purtelle

and officers exemplify the First Degree, which was done in a highly satisfactory manner. I had the pleasure of meeting the secretary, Very Wor. Bro. Glenn, who has been a member of the Craft for over fifty years.

Prince Edward Lodge No. 18, Picton.—On October 18th, I had the honor of visiting this old Lodge, accompanied by the District Secretary and District Chaplain. Rt. Wor. Bro. M. K. Adams and Wor. Bro. D. J. Barker officially introduced me. Wor. Bro. H. D. Leavens, the W.M., and his officers, conferred the Third Degree with full musical ritual, which was performed in a highly satisfactory manner.

Tweed Lodge No. 259, Tweed.—On October 19th I visited this Lodge, and was introduced by Wor. Bro. F. E. Brown. I received a very hearty welcome from the brethren. The Second Degree was conferred in an able manner.

United Lodge No. 29, Brighton.—This Lodge I visited on October 23rd, accompanied by Wor. Bro. W. P. Woodger, District Chaplain, Wor. Bro. C. H. Buskard, the W.M. of Marmora Lodge, and Wor. Bro. C. W. Gladney, I.P.M. of Marmora Lodge. I was officially introduced by Wor. Bros. W. Bellamy and O. L. Morrow. The Third Degree was conferred by Wor. Bro. Dr. Dure and his officers, assisted by the choir, in an almost faultless manner. I must congratulate United Lodge on their excellent choir. This is a very old Lodge, and I noticed among the many photos of Past Masters that were on the walls, the photos of four generations of Past Masters.

Stirling Lodge No. 69, Stirling.—I attended this Lodge for official inspection on October 25th, accompanied by the District Secretary, the Quartette, and many others from Marmora Lodge. There were also a large number of visitors from Frank Lodge, Madoc Lodge, Tweed Lodge and others. After being introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Dr. Potts and Wor. Bro. George Johnson, I was cordially received by Wor. Bro. J. N. West, the Worshipful Master. The First Degree was conferred in an able and impressive manner.

Eureka Lodge No. 283, Belleville.—The date of my visit to this Lodge was October 31st. I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bros. Symons and Clarke, P. D. D. G. M.'s, and received a hearty welcome from Wor. Bro. S. McGuire, the Worshipful Master, on behalf of the Lodge. The First Degree was conferred in a manner seldom surpassed. Wor. Bro. Rev. W. P. Woodger, District Chaplain, was present, and gave an inspiring address at the banquet after the close of the Lodge. Eureka Lodge is noted for its fine orchestra.

Consecon Lodge No. 50, Consecon.—I visited this Lodge on Nov. 23rd, accompanied by the Quartette. The evening was an exceedingly bad one, and we motored most of the distance of 45 miles through a blinding snow storm. On arrival I was introduced by Wor. Bros. W. W. Lossie and D. H. Rowe, and received a hearty welcome from a large number of the brethren. There were several visitors from Lake Lodge and Frank Lodge. This being the date of their annual election of officers, and there being no other work, I had them open and close in the three Degrees, which Wor. Bro. John H. Johnson, the Worshipful Master, and his officers performed to my entire satisfaction.

Frank Lodge No. 127, Frankford.—I had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge on November 26th. This was an emergent meeting, as their regular meeting in November was in the hunting season, and on request I agreed to visit them on the above date. After being introduced by Wor. Bros. J. B. Lowrey and G. W. Potter and being cordially received, the Third Degree was conferred on a candidate in an efficient manner by Wor. Bro. Kenneth Hess and his officers.

Moira Lodge No. 11, Belleville.—This is the oldest and also the biggest Lodge in the District. My visit to this Lodge was on Jan. 16th. Rt. Wor. Bro. John Newton and Wor. Bro. J. W. Barlow introduced me. After being received by the Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. H. J. Hall, on behalf of the Lodge, the First Degree was conferred on a candidate in an able and efficient manner. Among the brethren present were Rt. Wor. Bros. R. A. Backus, John Newton, H. J.

Clarke and H. F. Ketcheson, P.D.D.G.M.'s. This Lodge has the privilege of wearing gold trimmings on their aprons, being over one hundred years old.

Trent Lodge No. 38, Trenton.—A most hearty reception was accorded me on April 8th, when I visited this Lodge. There was a large and enthusiastic gathering of both members and visitors. Wor. Bro. John F. Hendricks and his officers conferred the First Degree on a candidate in a very pleasing manner.

I also had the pleasure of attending this Lodge on December 11th, and meeting the Most Wor. W. J. Drope, Grand Master, who was a visitor to the Lodge on that date.

The Belleville Lodge, No. 123, Belleville.—I paid my official visit to this Lodge on May 1st. I was escorted into the Lodge by Rt. Wor. Bro. H. J. Clarke and Wor. Bro. Barragar. Wor. Bro. Isaac Stephenson, on behalf of the Lodge, gave me a most hearty welcome. The Second Degree was conferred on a candidate in a very creditable manner. The Worshipful Masters of the two other Belleville Lodges, Moira and Eureka, were present, and I noticed the fraternal spirit and good fellowship which exists between these Lodges.

Craig Lodge No. 401, Deseronto.—My visit to Craig Lodge was on May 6th. After being introduced by Wor. Bros. Dewar and Bowen, I was welcomed by Wor. Bro. Rev. A. H. Creegan, the Worshipful Master. The First Degree was conferred in a very able and impressive manner, the officers all having their work well in hand. Rt. Wor. Bro. John G. Fennell, D.D.G.M. of Frontenac District, was present, and I was very pleased to meet him. There were several brethren present from Union Lodge, Napanee, and also from other Lodges.

Bancroft Lodge No. 482, Bancroft.—This is the baby Lodge of the District and its membership is scattered over a large territory. I officially visited this Lodge on May 12th. The afternoon and evening were very wet and disagreeable, but notwithstanding this fact, a large number of the brethren were present. On

being introduced by Wor. Bros. I. A. Eby and Walter Wiggins, I received a hearty welcome from Wor. Bro. E. L. Reid and the members present. The First Degree was conferred in a most excellent manner. I wish to thank the Marmora Lodge Quartette, who accompanied me, with considerable inconvenience and expense to themselves.

Madoc Lodge No. 48, Madoc.—May 13th was the date of my visit to this Lodge. I was welcomed by Wor. Bro. John Bailey, after being introduced by Wor. Bros. Dr. Eagleson and Dr. Fraser. A considerable number of Marmora brethren accompanied me, and there were many other visitors, including Rt. Wor. Bro. R. A. Backus, P.D.D.G.M., of Belleville. A First Degree was conferred in a workmanlike manner. The Worshipful Master proved himself a most capable officer.

Marmora Lodge No. 222, Marmora.—The date of my visit to this Lodge was May 19th, this being an emergent meeting to receive me. This is my mother Lodge, and being the first member to hold the office of D.D.G.M., I anticipated the event with more than the usual amount of pleasure, and I was not disappointed in the heartiness of my reception. The work of the evening was the Second Degree, which Wor. Bro. C. H. Buckard and his officers conferred with such a degree of excellence as to fully maintain the high standard established by this Lodge. A large number of visitors were present from Belleville, Frankford, Stirling, Madoc, Tweed and other places, including the Worshipful Masters of the three Belleville Lodges. The District Chaplain was present, and spoke at the banquet. Marmora Lodge has an established custom of always having the ladies present at the banquet.

Assisted by Wor. Bro. W. L. Rigg, District Secretary, I had the pleasure of installing and investing the newly elected officers for the present year.

On Aug. 19th, I attended Divine Service with the brethren of this Lodge, and again on May 25th I attended Divine Service in the Anglican Church. A large

number of the brethren were present on both occasions.

Star-in-the-East Lodge No. 164, Wellington.—My last official visit was to this Lodge on June 4th, this being a special meeting to receive me. There being no work I had Wor. Bro. G. S. Taylor and his officers to open and close in the Three Degrees, and in each Degree the Senior Warden answered the examination questions given by the Worshipful Master. This was done to my entire satisfaction. Among those present were Rt. Wor. Bro. Shurrie, P.D.D.G.M., a member of this Lodge, and Rt. Wor. Bro. R. A. Backus, Very Wor Bros. John McCarthy and J. O. Herity, of Belleville, and Very Wor. Bro. Glenn, of Lake Lodge.

Lodge of Instruction

On June 11th, a Lodge of Instruction was held in Marmora under dispensation granted to Marmora Lodge No. 222. Lodge was opened at 2.50 p.m. by the officers of Marmora Lodge and after the reading of the dispensation, they vacated the chairs to United Lodge of Brighton, who exemplified the First Degree with full musical ceremony in a faultless manner.

After discussion on this Degree the Lodge was opened in the Second Degree by the officers of Stirling Lodge, who exemplified the Second Degree in an able manner. After discussion the Lodge was called off for one and one-half hours.

Lodge resumed labor at 7.10, after which the officers of Eureka Lodge assumed the chairs and opened in the Third Degree. The Third Degree was exemplified in a highly satisfactory manner. After discussion the Lodge was closed in the several Degrees. I wish to thank the following P.D.D.G.M.'s for their assistance at this Lodge of Instruction: Rt. Wor. Bros. R. A. Backus, Rev. E. W. Pickford and J. S. Shurrie. I also wish to thank the various Lodges who assisted in making the Lodge of Instruction such a success. After the close of this Lodge the brethren were entertained at Marble Cliffe Pavilion, Crowe Lake.

Laying of Corner Stone, at United Empire Loyalist Memorial, at Belleville

On June 17th, I attended a special communication of Grand Lodge at Belleville for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the U. E. L. Memorial. The ceremony was most ably performed by Most Wor. Bro. N. N. Ponton, P.G.M., assisted by other Grand Lodge officers. A large number of brethren and visitors were present.

In conclusion I wish to thank my predecessor, Rt. Wor. Bro. R. A. Backus for his kindness and assistance to me on every occasion.

I also wish to thank the officers and members of all the Lodges for their splendid support and co-operation; also the brethren who accompanied me on my official visits, and I bespeak for my successor the same consideration, loyal support and brotherly love which made my work both easy and pleasant.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS E. LAYCOCK, D.D.G.M.,
Prince Edward District.

SARNIA DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

I beg to submit, for your consideration, my report on the conditions of Masonry in Sarnia District for the year ending June 24th, 1924, and in so doing, I wish to express to the brethren of the District my very sincere appreciation of the confidence they entrusted me with in electing me as District Deputy Grand Master for the year just closed. I am also deeply grateful to all the officers and members of the various Lodges for the many kindnesses and courtesies extended to me when visiting their respective Lodges; also to the several officers and brethren who accompanied me on several of my official visits, thereby turning a seemingly arduous duty into a real pleasant one, as on many of my official visits I had long distances to travel.

My first official act was to appoint Wor. Bro. John W. McDonald, of Leopold Lodge, as District Secretary and Rt. Wor. Bro. Rev. Canon D. Walker Collins, of Sarnia, as District Chaplain, and I wish to thank both of these brethren for their able assistance and kind co-operation during the year.

My next official act was to arrange with Leopold Lodge No. 397 to hold the annual Lodge of Instruction in Brigden and to invite the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to be present. Accordingly, this meeting was held on October 12th, 1923, and Most Wor. Bro. Drope attended, and was received with grand honors at 2.30 p.m. There was a large attendance and nearly every one of the twenty-one Lodges in the District was represented, as well as many brethren from outside the District.

At 3 p.m. Wor. Bro. Latimer and officers of Beaver Lodge No. 83, Strathroy, exemplified the First Degree. The work was well done and very little criticism was passed on it.

At 4.45 p.m. Wor. Bro. MacInnes and officers of Cassia Lodge No. 116, Thedford, opened the Lodge in the Second Degree and exemplified the work in a creditable manner, and the efficiency of this officer was freely commented on.

At 7.45 the Lodge was called to labor and Wor. Bro. Cares and officers of Victoria Lodge No. 56, Sarnia, exemplified the Third Degree in a very efficient manner. Wor. Bro. Cares had his work well in hand and was ably assisted by his wardens and other officers.

After the exemplification of this Degree, a good number of questions were asked and some discussion followed regarding different points of Masonry, after which the officers of Leopold Lodge assumed the chairs and songs and speeches were indulged in. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master delivered a very able address which was much enjoyed by all, and I know I am voicing the sentiments of all those present when I state that his visit among us will long be remembered as a pleasant and profitable one.

The Lodge of Instruction was closed at 10.50 and the universal feeling was that it was a decided success.

Official Visits

Arkona Lodge No. 307. Following the custom of my predecessor in deferring any official visits until after the Lodge of Instruction, accordingly my first official visit was paid to this Lodge on October 18th. Wor. Bro. Woolvett and officers conferred the Second Degree in a manner which reflected a great deal of credit on these officers, very little criticism being offered. I was glad to note that this Lodge own their Lodge room, having recently purchased the building at a very reasonable figure. In looking over their register, I noticed that a good many of the Past Masters are regular attendants, which augurs well for the prosperity of the Lodge.

Ionic Lodge No. 328. I visited this Lodge officially on October 19th, when Wor. Bro. Field and officers conferred the First and Second Degrees. The Wor.

Master did the work very well, but I must confess that I was disappointed in the other officers, also in the manner in which the floor work was done. I offered considerable criticism along these lines, which was well received and which I trust will be of benefit to them all. I also remarked upon the lateness of the hour of starting, which was 9.15, and after conferring Second Degree it was very late in closing. This Lodge is located in a very small village and its members consist almost entirely of farmers, but they have the right Masonic spirit and I trust to see a great improvement in this Lodge this year. They also own their Lodge room, which is a credit to them.

Inwood Lodge No. 503. On October 22nd, I visited Inwood Lodge, the home of Rt. Wor. Bro. Dawson, and was right royally received. Wor. Bro. Chapman conferred the Second Degree in an almost faultless manner and his officers assisted him very ably indeed. It is gratifying to know that this Lodge, which was only instituted about eleven years ago, has nearly one hundred members and have assets in excess of \$1,700, which reflects great credit on the officers and the members. They have a well equipped Lodge room and their dues are well paid up. Prospects are very bright for this Lodge.

Havelock Lodge No. 238.—My reception at this Lodge on October 23rd was very cordial indeed. Wor. Bro. Garson, who presided over Lodge for the first time, conferred the Second Degree in a manner which left no room for criticism, and a great deal of credit is due this young officer for his devotion to the work. This is the home of my immediate predecessor, Rt. Wor. Bro. Williamson, who himself was a very efficient officer and added credit to the District as District Deputy Grand Master, which, no doubt, accounts for the excellent manner in which this Lodge was conducted. Their Lodge room is well appointed, dues well paid up and an adequate sum in the Treasurer's hands.

Alvinston Lodge No. 323. I visited this Lodge on October 24th, which was a very wet day, and night, as it had rained continuously for about twenty-four hours and the roads were very bad, making the trip very dis-

agreeable, but I was amply repaid by the warmth of my reception and the large attendance, as many members had driven a considerable distance to attend. Wor. Bro. Luke and officers conferred the First Degree in a manner which left very little room for criticism. I was highly pleased with the way the floor work was done, which left nothing to be desired and reflects great credit on those who instructed these officers. In the absence of the secretary, Rt. Wor. Bro. Winn acted in that capacity and assured me that the books were well kept and the Lodge prosperous. I was much impressed by their excellent Lodge room, which is a credit to them; the ante rooms are commodious and comfortable and the furniture in the Lodge is all that could be desired. Alvinston Lodge is certainly in a prosperous condition.

Petrolia Lodge No. 194 and Washington Lodge No. 260, Petrolia.—These two Lodges arranged a joint meeting for November 16th, the occasion being my first official visit. I was late in arriving as the weather was very inclement and the roads very bad; however, I was greatly pleased with my visit. Wor. Bro. Wilson, of Petrolia Lodge, exemplified the First Degree and I can only say that it was perfectly and impressively rendered in every respect. This Lodge is certainly holding the interests of its Past Masters, three of whom gave some of the charges. This method has my earnest approval, as these charges given by the Past Masters, who are really the backbone of every Lodge, in my opinion, add dignity and sincerity to the lectures. The floor work was especially well done and great credit is due to Wor. Bro. Wilson and his Wardens, also his Junior Deacon.

At 9.30 p.m. Wor. Bro. Edward, of Washington Lodge, conferred the Second Degree. Wor. Bro. Edward was suffering from a cold and had been confined to his bed for almost a week previous, and consequently was not in as good trim as he generally is. However, he conferred the Degree in a manner which called for little criticism and his officers are well up in the work. These two Lodges are certainly a credit to Sarnia District. Their well appointed Lodge room must be an incentive to these brethren to render their work in the efficient manner in which it is being done.

Forest Lodge No. 263.—I visited this Lodge officially on November 21st. Some weeks previous I received an elaborate invitation to an "At Home" to be held by this Lodge the same evening, but I was hardly prepared for the excellent entertainment which was provided. My wife and several brethren from Leopold Lodge and their wives accompanied me on this visit. We were instructed to be in attendance at 6 p.m. The Lodge was opened at 6.30 and Wor. Bro. Steele and officers exemplified the First Degree, assisted in the lectures by two Past Masters. I was quite impressed by the manner in which Wor. Bro. Fraser, a man upwards of eighty years of age, delivered the charge for this Degree. Wor. Bro. Steele is to be congratulated on his efficiency and on that of his officers, as the Degree was exemplified in a very able and impressive manner. This Lodge stands sixth in point of membership in Sarnia District, and is very prosperous. Their well-appointed Lodge room will soon be too small to accommodate their large attendances.

Burns Lodge, No. 153.—My next official visit was to Burns Lodge, Wyoming, on January 17th, on which occasion the newly installed officers exemplified the Second Degree. Wor. Bro. McEwen had his work well in hand and the other officers, although requiring instruction, I have no doubt will eventually prove very efficient. I was a little disappointed in the manner in which the floor work was done, and offered considerable criticism, which was well received.

Victoria Lodge No. 56, Sarnia.—I visited this Lodge on February 5th, and as it is the pioneer Lodge of the District, I naturally expected to see some good work, and I was not disappointed. Wor. Bro. Kogler, who was conferring a Degree for the first time, did excellent work and was ably supported by his officers. The First Degree was exemplified in an almost faultless manner. The dignified manner in which the affairs of this Lodge is conducted was very gratifying. The books are neatly and ably kept; the Lodge has ample funds in hand and is in a flourishing condition.

Moore Lodge No. 294.—Our next official visit was to Courtright on February 14th. The Wor. Master

the Wor. Bro. Roy Kent was also conferring Degrees for the first time and exemplified the Third Degree, having two candidates. I was surprised that a new Master would attempt to do so much work at his first meeting, but was highly pleased with the work. It was done in a manner which left little room for criticism. They are rather unfortunate in having a Lodge room which is not all they would desire, but is the only place available at present. I hope, however, that if they continue to prosper as they have in the past few years, they will find a way of securing a more suitable Lodge room.

Beaver Lodge No. 83, Strathroy.—I visited this Lodge on February 15th, on which occasion Wor. Bro. Campbell, the newly installed Master, was also conferring a Degree for the first time. He did his work in an almost faultless manner and was ably assisted by his officers. The work done was in the First Degree. The Lodge room was crowded to capacity, which included several visitors from neighboring Lodges. There were also five clergymen in attendance, four of whom contributed addresses on Masonry after lunch had been served in the Lodge room. I was highly pleased with the manner in which Rt. Wor. Bro. Richardson keeps his records, as he has his books in excellent shape. As a token of the esteem in which this officer is held by the members of the Lodge, they presented him with a Life Membership for the faithful manner in which he has performed his duties in the past. The yearly dues of this Lodge still remain at \$3.00, and I pointed out the fact that it was too low a figure and that most Lodges in the District are collecting from \$4.00 to \$5.00. I was given a very warm reception and will not soon forget my visit to Beaver Lodge.

Leopold Lodge No. 397.—This is my own home Lodge, and I visited it officially on Feb. 20th. The work of conferring the First Degree was done by Wor. Bro. Capes, and was his first attempt, and it was done in an almost faultless manner. He was ably assisted by his young officers who all performed their respective duties as faultlessly as the Master. This Lodge is prospering and a large number of enthusiastic breth-

ren are on the waiting list of officers and anxious to get started in the chairs. An especially pleasing effect was the singing by a quartette during the ceremony. On this occasion the Lodge held an "At Home" in one of the public halls, and although a very stormy night, it was well attended. The Lodge have ample funds in the Treasurer's hands. Their new secretary, Wor. Bro. C. C. Watson, also has his books in good shape and dues are well paid up.

Alexandra Lodge No. 158.—I visited this Lodge officially on February 21st and as it is my Mother Lodge, I was particularly interested in the work being done, and although conferring of a Degree was being done by the new Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. Penfound, for the first time, he conferred the First Degree very well indeed, ably assisted by his officers. I offered some criticism regarding the floor work and am sure it will improve. The Lodge own their own building and have it nearly paid for, and I am looking forward to the time in the near future when they will have a clear sheet, with a building worth several thousands of dollars. Great credit is due Rt. Wor. Bro. Parks and Wor. Bro. Jackson for the way the affairs of this Lodge have been managed in the years gone by.

Liberty Lodge No. 419.—I visited this Lodge officially on March 10th and was given a very hearty reception. The work of conferring the First Degree was done by Wor. Bro. Green for the first time and was very impressively done.

It seems to be a matter of great pride among the newly elected Masters of this District for each one of them to strive to outdo the other in their first efforts in conferring Degrees, which is a very commendable spirit and I must say Wor. Bro. Green held his end up with the rest of them. I offered some criticism regarding the manner in which the officers and members are giving the signs and trust this will improve. I also corrected a few errors in regard to floor work and I am sure these little discrepancies will disappear. This Lodge is prosperous and should feel proud of their Secretary, Wor. Bro. Alcock, who is a very efficient officer.

St. Clair Lodge No. 425.—I visited this Lodge officially on March 18th, having previously installed their officers on February 19th. On account of an epidemic of small-pox in the vicinity this Lodge was unable to hold the meeting from October, 1923, to January, when the officers were elected and subsequently installed on the above date. Wor. Bro. MacNeil and Wor. Bro. MacRitchie conferred the Second Degree and did very good work considering the handicap of not holding a meeting for so long. The First Degree was conferred by Wor. Bro. Capes, of Leopold Lodge, and he did the work almost faultlessly. This Lodge own their own building which is fully paid. It is well equipped with furniture and new regalia has been recently purchased.

Wor. Bro. Stokes and Stover have been untiring in their efforts to place this Lodge in the splendid financial condition it enjoys, and they are now greatly rewarded for their labor in past years.

Tuscan Lodge No. 437.—I visited this Lodge officially on March 19th and was given a very warm reception. There was a large attendance, upwards of one hundred and fifty members and visitors being present, which taxed the capacity of their Lodge room. Wor. Bro. Simpson conferred the First Degree in a very dignified and able manner and was ably assisted by his officers. I offered very little criticism on the work and commended them on their dignity and efficiency. The musical part of the ceremony, under direction of Wor. Bro. Workman, was much appreciated. Tuscan Lodge has the largest membership in the District and I congratulated them on the manner in which the affairs of the Lodge are conducted. Financially, they are in an enviable position and great credit is due their Secretary, Wor. Bro. Barrie, for the able manner in which he performs his duties.

St. Paul Lodge No. 601.—This Lodge holds their meeting on the first Saturday evening of every month. Accordingly, I visited St. Paul Lodge on April 5th. This is the youngest Lodge in Sarnia District, but their progress since their institution has been very rapid indeed. On this occasion, Wor. Bro. Constable and

officers conferred the Third Degree and it was done in an almost faultless manner and to my entire satisfaction. After the Degree work was done, a great many questions came up for discussion which were all satisfactorily settled, and I enjoyed the meeting immensely. Recently, St. Paul Lodge was invited to go to Battle Creek, Michigan, to exemplify the work of the Third Degree at Battle Creek Lodge No. 12, and report a right royal reception. They are having Battle Creek Lodge on a return visit in the near future, when the work of the Third Degree will be exemplified as it is done in Michigan.

Huron Lodge No. 392. I visited this Lodge on April 16th, on which occasion Wor. Bro. Hillier and officers conferred the Second Degree and the work was done very satisfactorily. I was agreeably surprised to find the Lodge room so well filled, as Cam-lachie is a very small village and the members are chiefly farmers, but they show the right Masonic spirit by attending Lodge regularly.

Cassia Lodge No. 116.—Monday evening, May 12th, found me at this Lodge in my official capacity, when Wor. Bro. French and officers conferred the Second Degree. This was done in a very able manner and compares very favorably with the work done by other Lodges in the District. There was a large number of visitors from other Lodges and a very pleasant evening was spent, and some very brilliant speeches were delivered. This Lodge is prospering and will continue to do so as long as the enthusiasm shown by them is maintained. They are fortunate in having Wor. Bro. Harrington as secretary and this officer, in his capacity, is one of the most efficient secretaries in the district.

St. Johns Lodge No. 81, Mount Brydges.—On Tuesday evening, May 13th, I paid my official visit to this Lodge, when Wor. Bro. McNeill exemplified the Second Degree, and although some of the officers were hardly prepared for this Degree, the work was very well done. This Lodge own their own building, which consists of a store below, which they have leased satisfactorily. They have been called upon re-

cently to render financial assistance to several brethren, which they have done very handsomely. Their finances are in good shape and the books are very well kept by their worthy secretary, Wor. Bro. Hyatt. This Lodge is one of the most progressive in the District.

It is with regret that I finish the work of the year, as I have enjoyed every meeting immensely. The work of the District has been very satisfactory and I am sure if every District is as efficient as Sarnia District, Masonry will continue to make great strides in the Province of Ontario.

I again thank all the brethren for the kindness extended to me in every Lodge, and may prosperity and happiness continue, and the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth ever be inculcated in the Lodges of Sarnia District.

Fraternally submitted,

A. D. ARMSTRONG, D.D.G.M.,
Sarnia District.

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

I beg to present herewith a brief summary of Masonic conditions in South Huron District during my term of office as District Deputy Grand Master.

I desire first, however, to express to the Masters and Wardens in the District my sincere thanks for the honor they conferred upon me in electing me to that high and honorable position. It has been a year of real pleasure to me in renewing past friendships and in the making of new friends.

I have visited all the Lodges in the District at least once and have had very successful meetings. Many of the Masters have shown the greatest of enthusiasm, and have attended with me on several occasions. Upon my official visit to my mother Lodge (Tecumseh No. 144), one-half of the Lodges in the District were represented, most of them by their ruling Masters, some of whom came over fifty miles to attend the meeting. With few exceptions, the work in this District is very satisfactory, and is an evidence of hard study and earnest effort on the part of the officers of the various Lodges. South Huron District is fortunate in its Past Masters, many of the Lodges having Past Masters actively participating in the work who held office over fifty years ago.

On April 15th, Clinton Lodge No. 84 was honored with a most delightful visit from Most Wor. Bro. Drope, who endeared himself to all by his gracious and kindly manner. Rt. Wor. Bro. Wilton, D.D.G.M., of North Huron District, and many other distinguished brethren were present. The Degree work, which was exemplified by Maitland Lodge No. 33, of Goderich, and Clinton Lodge No. 84, Clinton, was very highly commended by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. In the evening a splendid banquet was provided for the brethren and their guests, at which the

usual toasts were honored. W. Bro. Roselle and his officers are to be congratulated on their enterprise and the splendid success of their meetings.

On September 25th, 1923, Tavistock Lodge No. 609, Tavistock, was regularly constituted and consecrated and the rooms formally dedicated according to ancient usage. On May 12th, 1924, the new rooms of Milverton Lodge No. 478, Milverton, were formally dedicated. I am indebted to many of the Past and ruling Masters of the Lodges of the District for their kind assistance on these occasions.

It is with deep sorrow that I report the death of Rt. Wor. Bro. William McKellar, who passed away on April 30th, 1924. He was one of the most widely known and distinguished Masons in Ontario, having attained the unique honor of being a Past Grand Registrar of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, a Past Grand Registrar of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and a Past Grand Registrar of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada. He was an ideal Mason and had the love and respect of all who knew him. His Masonic life and fidelity to duty were ever a true inspiration to his brethren and fellows, and his passing is regretted by all who knew him.

In conclusion I wish to thank the officers of the various Lodges in the District for the consideration they have had for my comfort in arranging for my visits. On only four occasions was it necessary for me to travel by train and remain overnight. I have had nothing but the greatest kindness and courtesy shown me on every occasion, and will ever be able to look back on this year as one of the most pleasant I have known.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN STEVENSON, D.D.G.M.,
South Huron District.

ST. THOMAS DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Officers and Members of Grand Lodge.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

In accordance with Section 77 of the Constitution, it is with a great deal of pleasure that I herewith submit my report of St. Thomas District.

In the first place, I would like to express my gratitude to all of the delegates from this District who attended the 68th Annual Communication at Toronto in July, 1923, for tendering to me such a unanimous preference as the District's first D.D.G.M. It is certainly an honor that I will always appreciate and it sure did give me 365 days of real pleasure, and as it nears the finish, I feel like offering myself as a candidate for the honorable position for a Second Term, as my association with the District has been such, that I feel as though I know personally every brother in every Lodge in St. Thomas District, and believe me to know them is to love them, and I am already jealous of him who is to be my successor, but presume "Every dog must have his day," and I will be content in going through the District during the coming year and play the "Second Fiddle," and I do look forward to doing so.

On my arrival home from Grand Lodge, I issued a circular to all of the Lodges in the District, telling them of the huge mistake that their delegates had made at the District Meeting at Grand Lodge and asked their co-operation in making this "The Fraternal Year" and let future D.D.G.M.'s have their own name for their respective years, and asked them to name their own dates for what is known as "The Official Visit." This was done and not one of them clashed, and every Lodge and every member of every Lodge sure did assist in making that word "Fraternity" reach from Port Burwell and Vienna in the East to Melbourne and Rodney in the West, and even as high as the heavens.

Vienna Lodge No. 237, Vienna, Ont. Sept. 14th.—Our first visit was to Vienna Lodge, Vienna. I say ours, as there were no less than five Past D.D.G.M.'s

came with a large following from St. Thomas and other Lodges in the District, and I sure did receive a splendid start that night. Our good old friend and brother, S. S. Clutton, P.D.D.G.M. before most of the members were born, is still the active and capable secretary; in fact, no one more so. The First was exemplified in good form and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Dufferin Lodge No. 364, Melbourne, Ont.—On September 19th I visited Dufferin Lodge No. 364, accompanied by a good crowd from St. Thomas. A Third was exemplified by Wor. Bro. R. C. McCandless and his officers.

St. Thomas Lodge No. 44, St. Thomas.—On October 4th, I made my official visit to this my mother Lodge, and of course, went prepared to find fault and spend the evening criticising the work, but Wor. Bro. Whalls and his officers apparently anticipated my intentions and made it very awkward for me by putting on a First in such a manner that I could not pick out a single flaw, which, of course, was embarrassing, but they surely did make an excellent evening for me.

McCull Lodge No. 386, West Lorne.—Visited McCull Lodge on October 23rd, when Wor. Bro. Thompson and his officers exemplified a First in splendid form.

Cameron Lodge No. 232, Dutton.—I visited Cameron Lodge, Dutton, on October 24th, when Wor. Bro. P. A. Duncanson and his officers exemplified a most creditable Third Degree. Unfortunately the weather was very bad and raining so hard that only two or three accompanied me on this visit, but there was a good turn out of members and we had a good time.

St. Marks Lodge No. 94, Port Stanley.—I visited St. Marks on November 13th, accompanied by 35 from St. Thomas. A real good First was exemplified and we all had a good time.

Oriental Lodge No. 181, Port Burwell.—I visited Oriental Lodge November 20th, accompanied by a

large number of St. Thomas and Vienna Brethren and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Prince of Wales No. 171, Lawrence Station.—I visited Prince of Wales on November 23rd, accompanied by a goodly number from St. Thomas. No Degree was worked, but we spent a profitable evening in opening and closing in the various Degrees and we sure did have a real Fourth for which Prince of Wales is noted. It is to be regretted that they have not more commodious quarters and I hope some day soon to see them enlarge.

Rodney Lodge No. 411, Rodney.—I visited Rodney November 28th, with a very large crowd from St. Thomas and surrounding Lodges. A First was exemplified in splendid form and we all came away feeling that it was good to have been there.

St. Davids Lodge No. 302, St. Thomas.—I visited St. Davids Lodge on January 17th, when a First was exemplified with a good crowd out. This is the second strongest Lodge in the District and is doing good Masonic work every way. This Lodge is always well supported by Past Masters who give every meeting a solidity that should characterize every Masonic Lodge.

Warren Lodge No. 120, Fingal.—I visited this Lodge on Tuesday, February 19th, and I would like very much to impress that date on your mind, as it certainly is on ours. It is perhaps the most notable Pilgrimage that was ever taken in the annals of Free Masonry, the experiences of the Traveller in Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" was nothing compared with our trip to Fingal. It was held during that "Awful Snow Storm" on that date and it took us three hours going seven miles on our going trip, and sometimes I think we have never got back yet. We spent the entire night listening to the cold blast outside and the hot air of the District Deputy inside, and finally landed home at 12 noon the next day. There were about 30 who stuck to the ship through the entire night and about 30 who could not stand the test and turned back as soon as they discovered what they were up against, but, however, we tried it again later on at a church service, preached by the Worshipful Master of Warren

Lodge, when some 50 of the St. Thomas brethren attended and he certainly gave us a Masonic sermon well worth listening to.

Talbot Lodge No. 546, St. Thomas.—I visited Talbot Lodge on April 24th. The Worshipful Master chose a First to show off, and he and his officers sure did. This is the baby of the District, but we have long since taken away its bottle and rattles and it is not only walking, alone, but it is on the run and going strong with a membership of over 250 and no apology necessary.

Malahide Lodge No. 140, Aylmer.—I visited Malahide Lodge on May 14th. No Degree worked, but we spent a very profitable and enjoyable evening in opening and closing in the various Degrees. Over 50 accompanied me from St. Thomas. The St. Thomas brethren always look forward to a visit to Malahide as they have such nice quarters and know how to be sociable. We also followed this up by attending Malahide Church Service in large numbers.

And now here is where I expect to meet with your displeasure. Instead of holding a Lodge of Instruction in the District, we took the liberty of holding a District Picnic at Port Stanley on Wednesday, June 25th. Every Lodge in the District was well represented, and if you wonder whether it was a success or not, read the Associated Press.

It may have a tendency to cancel future Lodges of Instruction in this District, as we are determined to make the St. Thomas District Picnic an annual affair in the future and something that will be a by-word at Grand Lodge. The only huge drawback or fly in the ointment was that the Most Worshipful the Grand Master was not present, but we do expect to have him in the District in the very near future to lay the corner stone of that great and glorious undertaking, "The Temple of St. Thomas."

Fraternally submitted,

T. L. COCHRANE, D.D.G.M.,
St. Thomas District.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in St. Lawrence District No. 15 for the past year.

I must first express my thanks to the brethren of the District for the honor bestowed upon me in electing me to that high and important office of D.D.G.M. and for the loyal and hearty support they have continued to give me throughout the entire Masonic year.

My first act was to appoint Wor. Bro. W. Fred Reynolds, of Salem Lodge, Brockville, as District Secretary. Wor. Bro. Reynolds accompanied me on most of my visits and has materially helped me in my work with his knowledge of books, looking over the records of the several Lodges, by evidencing a kindly desire to help in any way where advice was needed and by delivering many instructive addresses which supplied much to the need of those seeking Masonic light.

Official Visits

Lyn Lodge No. 416, Lyn.—This Lodge was visited on October 23rd, when I was accompanied by the District Secretary and by Wor. Bros. H. A. Stewart, K.C., M.P., and W. J. Reynolds, Past Masters of Salem Lodge, and by R. W. Bro. A. S. Knapp, V. W. Bro. T. H. Guest and Wor. Bro. Walter Lee, Past Masters of Sussex Lodge. I was then introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Maurice Brown and very courteously received by the brethren. The First Degree was conferred in an excellent manner by Wor. Bro. R. Stewart and his officers, great interest being taken in all the work of the evening.

Harmony Lodge No. 370, Delta.—I made a visit to this Lodge on October 24th, accompanied by Wor. Bro. W. Fred Reynolds. The First Degree was conferred in a manner which showed that the Worshipful Mas-

ter, Bro. Irwin, and his staff were well skilled in their work. The true spirit of Masonry prevails in this Lodge. During the evening a question of invasion of territory which I am glad to say has since been amicably settled was brought to my attention.

Osiris Lodge No. 489, Smith Falls.—My visit to this Lodge was paid on October 26th, when the First Degree was conferred by the officers of the Lodge in a most exemplary manner with the assistance of a splendid orchestra and hearty singing by the members of the Lodge. The charge in the Book of Constitution as delivered by Wor. Bro. Bradley is worthy of special mention. The brethren of Osiris Lodge in co-operation with the brethren of St. Francis Lodge are planning to have a Masonic home of their own in the near future, the present quarters being inadequate to accommodate their requirements. At the festive board speeches were given by the District Secretary, by Wor. Bros. Wickware and MacGregor, of St. Francis Lodge, and by Wor. Bro. Burgess, the Worshipful Master.

Otter Lodge No. 504, Lombardy.—This Lodge was visited on November 20th. I am indebted to Bro. Grey, of Rising Sun Lodge, for acting as my pilot in reaching Lombardy and to a number of Master Masons of Salem Lodge who so kindly accompanied me. The First Degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. Connell, who is a well-skilled Master. It has been a pleasure to meet Wor. Bro. Connell not only in his own Lodge but on the occasion of several of my other visits in the District. The Secretary's books in this Lodge are neatly kept.

Lansdown Lodge No. 387, Lansdowne.—I visited this Lodge on January 17th, being introduced to the brethren by Wor. Bro. Bradley and most kindly received by the Worshipful Master Bro. Dr. Mackie, who with his assisting officers conferred the First Degree on two candidates in a most praise-worthy manner. As this Lodge is handicapped on account of the lack of proper accommodation the brethren are contemplating the erection of a hall of their own at an early date.

St. James Lodge No. 74, South Augusta.—I visited this Lodge on January 21st, and was very cordially received by the officers and brethren. There being no Degrees to confer I requested the Worshipful Master, Bro. Roy Greer to open and close the Lodge in the three Degrees, which was done in a very creditable manner.

Central Lodge No. 110, Prescott.—My visit to this Lodge was on February 5th, when despite a very stormy evening a large number of the brethren were present. I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Dr. J. A. Fleming and given a very hearty welcome. The Second Degree was conferred for the first time since their installation to office by Worshipful Master E. A. Baynham and his corps of officers in a satisfactory and efficient manner. The charge in the Book of Constitution as delivered by Very Wor. Bro. John Tyner is well worthy of mention. The records of this Lodge are in excellent shape under the supervision of the able secretary, Wor. Bro. C. A. Ransom.

St. Francis Lodge No. 24, Smiths Falls.—I visited this Lodge on February 15th, being introduced by Wor. Bro. G. A. Fluker, Past Grand Junior Warden, and was received with a right royal welcome from the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. Hunter, and the brethren present. The First Degree with musical accompaniment—orchestra and singing—was conferred in a most commendable manner. This Lodge is very prosperous and is under the supervision of a fine group of officers. This is particularly attributable to the watchful eye of Wor. Bro. Fluker, who has been in charge of the books and records for the past twenty-one years.

Nation Lodge No. 556, Spencerville.—This Lodge was visited on March 7th, and I may honestly say that no visit during my term of office gave me greater pleasure. I was introduced by Wor. Bros. W. M. Synder and P. Barnard. If there is any place where good fellowship exists, it is in Nation Lodge and this Lodge is only four years old. These brethren, few in number, built their own temple, each brother doing his bit in its construction, without a murmur but rather in

the true spirit of constructive Masonic harmony. A visit to Spencerville would be well worth while for any Mason. The First Degree was conferred on two candidates by Wor. Bro. Lawson, assisted by Wor. Bros. Snyder, Barnard and McGuire, and certainly left no room for criticism. After the business of the evening, the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where a sumptuous repast was in waiting. After my address to the brethren and hearty community singing led by the Junior Warden inspiring addresses on Character Building were given by the Chaplain Bro. Rev. Cleland and by Bro. Rev. Morrison.

Sussex Lodge No. 5 and Salem Lodge No. 368, Brockville.—My visit to these Lodges in my hometown was paid on March 17th, when I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. E. A. Geiger and very cordially received by Wor. Bro. Board, of Sussex Lodge. Many Past Masters of both Lodges were present and contributed to the success of the evening. His Worship Mayor W. B. Reynolds, a Past Master of Salem Lodge, gave a most forceful and enlightening address on civic affairs at the banquet table. Praise for the Lodges in one's own place of abode may seem superfluous, but I cannot refrain from complimenting the splendid officers of both Lodges and particularly Rt. Wor. Bro. Geiger and Very Wor. Bro. Guest for their continued and painstaking efforts as secretaries of their respective Lodges.

Rising Sun Lodge No. 85, Athens.—I made my visit to this Lodge on March 20th, when I was introduced by Wor. Bro. M. B. Holmes. There being no Degree work the Worshipful Master Bro. Dr. Pritchard opened and closed the Lodge in the three Degrees in a creditable manner. At the banquet table, addresses were given by Wor. Bros. Morley Earl and M. B. Holmes. I hate to have to mention the fact but the seeming abuse of the ballot-box in this Lodge is interfering very seriously with the advancement of Rising Sun Lodge. I am led to believe that it is impossible to have an accepted candidate in this Lodge and if such is the case as it certainly appears to be, Masonry in Athens is bound to decline. My advice to the Athens brethren is to give this question very serious consideration.

True Britons Lodge No. 14, Perth.—This Lodge was visited on April 7th, and was a very pleasant occasion. Accompanied by the District Secretary, I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bros. Hicks and Scott. The brethren in Perth are to be congratulated on their new well-furnished quarters. The Fellow Craft Degree was conferred in a correct and dignified manner by Wor. Bro. MacLaren. I was much impressed by the close attention given to the working of the Degree by all the brethren present and I was given to understand there was the largest attendance on record. The number of visiting brethren present was particularly noticeable, including Wor. Bros. James MacDonald and Charles Forbes, Lanark, W. Rt. Wor. Bro. D. Scott, a Past D.D.G.M., of Saskatchewan, Bro. Brigadier General Ross, of Kingston, Wor. Bro. R. S. Page, of Russell, and Bro. J. G. Patterson, of Scotia Lodge, Scotland. In particular I must commend the secretary, Wor. Bro. F. V. Buffam for the splendid condition of his books and for his activity in matters pertaining to the good of the Craft. After my replying to the toast of Grand Lodge, addresses of special merit were given by the several visiting brethren and the Junior Warden's Toast heartily proposed at 1.30 a.m.

Evergreen Lodge No. 209, Lanark.—I made my visit to this Lodge on April 8th, an emergent meeting having been called for the purpose. I was accompanied on my visit to Lanark by a large number of brethren from True Britons Lodge, Perth. After being escorted into the Lodge by Wor. Bro. Forbes and introduced, I had the privilege of witnessing the conferring of the First Degree by the Worshipful Master, Bro. James Macdonald, and his officers in a manner seldom surpassed. After many questions relative to Masonic work as a whole and a general discussion the Lodge was closed.

Macey Lodge No. 242, Mallorytown.—The date of my visit to this Lodge was April 14th, when I was accompanied by Very Wor. Bro. T. H. Guest and Bro. H. G. Breakell. On my introduction by Wor. Bro. Blanchard, I received a hearty welcome. My visit to Mallorytown was marked by a most pathetic incident but one appropriate to the spirit of Masonry. On

February 27th, a fatal railway accident had occurred at Mallorytown in which four lives were lost and on the night of my visit a deputation from Moira Lodge No. 11, Belleville, composed of Wor. Bro. H. J. Hall, W.M. R. W. Bro. Newton, P.D.D.G.M., V.W. Bro. McIntosh, Wor. Bro. M. Mikel, Mayor of Belleville, Wor. Bro. Morgan, Bro. A. E. Barlow, S.W., and Bro. J. Orne, J.S., and accompanied by Wor. Bro. H. A. Thompson, of Eureka Lodge, Belleville, visited Macoy Lodge and presented a gold watch and chain to Bro. Egbert G. Mallory, of Macoy Lodge, for his valor in rescuing W. Bro. Albert J. Boyes, Immediate Past Master of Moira Lodge, from his engine after it had collided with another locomotive. Wor. Bro. Boyes later died as a result of his injuries but during the eighteen hours of his consciousness previous to his passing away he was constantly indebted to Bro. Mallory for his noble deed.

The work of the brethren of Macoy Lodge continues to be performed in an efficient manner.

Crystal Fountain Lodge, No. 389, North Augusta.—My visit to this Lodge on April 16th was one to be remembered. I was escorted into the Lodge by Wor. Bros. George Chapman and Checkley. The First Degree conferred by Wor. Bro. Cavanagh indicated that careful preparation had been made. The progress of this Lodge since the erection of their new temple is most marked. Crystal Fountain Lodge is the Masonic Home of the brethren from several surrounding villages and is noted for its hospitality.

Merrickville Lodge No. 55, Merrickville.—My official visit to this Lodge was on May 13th. The delayed spring and the consequent bad roads I feared would interfere with the attendance, but such, I am glad to say, was not the case, as the brethren were present in large numbers. After my introduction by Rt. Wor. Bros. Magee and Watchorn, Wor. Bro. Smith and his officers worked the Second Degree accurately and impressively. The social gathering which is always a joy on these official visits was this night more than attractive, including as it did addresses by Rt. Wor. Bros. Magee and Watchorn, Wor. Bro. Kidd,

Bro. Rev. Hall and Bro. Rev. Maxwell. The community singing was led by Wor. Bro. M. G. Corbett, the secretary, who I may add, is well experienced and has his books in fine shape.

Mount Zion Lodge No. 28, Kemptville.—This, the last official visit of my year, was paid on May 16th. Mount Zion, one of the oldest Lodges in the District, continues to be progressive and on the occasion of my visit I was greeted by a splendid gathering of members and visitors, being introduced to the Lodge by Rt. Wor. Bros. Langstaff and Dr. Patterson. The Second Degree was conferred on a very capable candidate, well worthy of advancement, by Wor. Bro. McClenaghan. The work was exceedingly well done and worthy of the highest compliments. After the business of the Lodge had been transacted, around the table we enjoyed inspiring and uplifting messages from Bro. (Rev.) Mathieson, Bro. (Rev.) Halpenny, Rt. Wor. Bros. Langstaff and Patterson and a number of visiting brethren. The Junior Warden's toast was given at 1.00 a.m.

In conclusion, may I add, that the year has been one of progress, harmony and, I believe, profit. I have visited all of the Lodges in the District, some of them on more than one occasion, and have been shown the utmost courtesy. I also desire to express my gratitude to all my Right Worshipful brethren and to the Past Masters one and all who have rendered me assistance and support and have so materially helped make my tenure of office a pleasant one.

My work has been a wonderful inspiration to me and I hope my messages on the several aspects of Masonry and my visits to the Lodges may help advance the good of the Craft as a whole.

May brotherly love, relief and truth continue to grow in our Order until Masonry shall permeate all the spheres of all the earth.

Fraternally submitted,

FRED BELLAMY, D.D.G.M.,
St. Lawrence District.

TEMISKAMING DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

I have the honor and pleasure to submit herewith for your consideration, my report on the Condition of Masonry in Temiskaming District for the year 1923-1924.

My first official act was to appoint Wor. Bro. J. T. Price, of Englehart Lodge, my District Secretary, and I desire to express my sincere appreciation for his services in that office.

Dedication

At the request of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, I had the privilege of dedicating the new hall of Haileybury Lodge on Oct. 4th, 1923. The Fourth of October is a date which will never be forgotten by the people of the North. On that date in 1922 the terrible conflagration swept the town of Haileybury, along with other places, and for the second time within about two years, the Masonic Lodge lost everything they possessed by fire. When one considers that the majority of the members lost all their earthly possessions, as well as their Masonic home at this time, it speaks very highly of their interest in Masonry, and of their wonderful powers of recuperation, that exactly one year from the date of the fire, their beautiful new Lodge room was read for dedication. The entire building is fully equipped and furnished, and is a credit both to the town and to the Craft..

I received an invitation to assist at the installation of officers of Elk Lake Lodge on October 12th, and, accompanied by several of the brethren of Englehart Lodge who motored over 30 miles, visited on that date. The very cordial reception we received is vouched for by the fact that a larger number accompanied me on the occasion of my official visit at a later date.

On the third of December I assisted at the installation of officers in Silver Lodge, Cobalt. Unfortunately the Worshipful Master elect was unable to be present, and at a later date Very Wor. Bro. D. W. MacLeod was installed.

Abitibi Lodge No. 540, Iroquois Falls, extended an invitation to me to install their officers on January 18th, where I had the assistance of a large number of Past D.D.G.M.'s and Past Masters. Rt. Wor. Bro. Frank K. Ebbitt, who was my immediate predecessor, is the moving spirit in Abitibi Lodge, and I would take this opportunity of placing on record my appreciation of his many kindnesses and valuable advice and assistance.

On March 17th Haileybury Lodge sustained a great loss in the death of Rt. Wor. Bro. David John, P.D.D.G.M. His death is not only a loss to the Lodge and District, but to Masonry in general. He had a reputation for integrity in business, reaching from coast to coast, and his kindness of heart was known to all with whom he came in contact. It was my sad duty to attend the last services which the Craft can render to its departed brethren on March 20th. The body lay in state in the beautiful Lodge room, from which the funeral was held, probably the largest in the history of the District, every P.D.D.G.M., and most of the Past Masters being present.

On the evening of March 20th I paid a fraternal visit to Temiskaming Lodge, where there was a large attendance of members. The business was gone through in a very efficient manner.

Official Visits

My first official visit was paid to my own Lodge, Englehart No. 534, on April 14th, when I expected to have seen the E. A. Degree conferred. However, neither of the two candidates for ballot was accepted. The injudicious use of the ballot will sooner or later destroy the harmony of any Lodge. I have seen all the Degrees conferred at other times, and can vouch for the efficiency of the officers. The books are well

kept, and the Lodge room and equipment are a credit to the Craft.

Haileybury Lodge No. 485 was visited by me officially on May 1st, which was also Past Masters' night. There was a large turnout of members and visitors. The routine work of the Lodge was conducted in an admirable manner by the officers of the Lodge. The E. A. Degree was conferred by the Past Masters in a most impressive manner, and the work was almost faultless. The Lodge is to be congratulated on having Rt. Wor. Bro. C. W. Haentschel for secretary, and his books and system are a model for any Lodge. Much of the credit for the handsome building is due to the untiring efforts of Dr. Haentschel, and the members have shown their appreciation by placing his picture in one of the rooms, with the inscription, "Our Daddy." The music of the choir added much to the impressiveness of the Degree. The Lodge has a splendid body of past officers, officers and members."

Cobalt Lodge No. 486.—On the 5th May I visited this Lodge in my official capacity, and was received with a record attendance. There were two candidates for the First Degree, one of which was initiated by the Past Masters, and the second by the sitting officers of the Lodge. The work of the Past Masters was almost letter perfect, although some of them had not done the work for years, and went very smoothly. The work of the officers of the Lodge was above criticism. Cobalt Lodge are justly proud of their fine building and appointments. The work of the Secretary is very efficient.

Porcupine Lodge No. 506. I purposed visiting Porcupine Lodge on the 8th of May, but owing to illness was not able to be present. Rt. Wor. Bro. C. G. Williams, of Timmins, kindly took my place, and his report is highly gratifying. The work is well done, and the officers are efficient. The prospects of the Lodge are good.

Cochrane Lodge No. 530.—The same reason prevented my visit to Cochrane Lodge the following evening, and owing to the short notice, I failed to obtain a P.D.D.G.M. to represent me, which I regretted very

much. On the 24th June I was invited to Cochrane Lodge, for the purpose of installing the new officers. From the reception which I received on this occasion, I regretted more than ever my inability to be present on the former occasion. The work was admirably done by the officers, and the newly installed officers are well fitted to carry on the good work of their predecessors. The financial report was worthy of remark, one item being of special significance, viz., \$560.00 transferred to the building account. The Lodge has a site, and before long will have their own building. The Lodge has an assured future.

Golden Beaver Lodge No. 528, Timmins.—I paid my official visit to Golden Beaver Lodge on Wednesday, May 14th. I was accorded a very hearty welcome by a large attendance of the members. The First Degree was conferred in a very able manner by the officers of the Lodge, the work being correct and impressive. The books of the secretary are in first class shape. A fine class of young members are being received. The Lodge own their own building, and it is equipped second to none in the District. The prospects of this Lodge are very bright.

Temiskaming Lodge No. 462, New Liskeard.—I visited Temiskaming Lodge, the mother Lodge of the District, and my own mother Lodge, on Thursday, May 15th. There was a good attendance, especially in the East, which overflowed to the side benches. Temiskaming Lodge is fortunate in having a live lot of Past Masters. The Degree work was conferred in an exemplary manner, leaving no room for criticism, indeed I was glad it was so, as I should have felt rather presumptuous in criticising the work, especially that of the Past Masters, some of whom had assisted me in my search for light some years ago. Very Wor. Bro. J. H. Brown, as secretary of the Lodge, is the right man in the right place, and his books are admirably kept. The old mother is strong and vigorous and is maintaining the high standard of Masonry in the District.

Abitibi Lodge No. 540, Iroquois Falls, was visited by me on Friday, May 16th, and from previous ex-

perience, I expected a large gathering and efficient Degree work, and was not disappointed. The officers performed their work in an almost faultless manner. I cannot refrain from mentioning the fine work of the choir, under the able leadership of Bro. Ratheram, which must be of great assistance to the Worshipful Master in conferring the Degrees. The Lodge has a reputation for efficiency and hospitality throughout the District. The books are well kept, and the summons of the Lodge is a model which might with advantage be copied by others.

Doric Lodge U.D., Kirkland Lake.—I paid my official visit to this, the baby Lodge of the District, on May 29th. I had paid an unexpected visit in March, and was then struck with the high standard of the Degree work. This is only to be expected with Rt. Wor. Bro. Frank W. Haynes at the helm. On my official visit, two young candidates were initiated, and the work was above criticism. I do not think any Lodge could improve on it. The new hall is a monument to the zeal and enthusiasm of this new Lodge. There is a great future before it, and I would strongly recommend that Doric Lodge be granted its warrant this year.

Elk Lake Lodge No. 507, Elk Lake.—On May 22nd, I visited Elk Lake Lodge, and was received by one of the largest meetings I have seen there, every seat being filled. Many of the brethren had motored in from Gowanda, a distance of about 30 miles. The Lodge is in a very thriving condition, and I feel that much of the credit is due the very able secretary, Wor. Bro. Fred. W. Kirk. The work is equal to any Lodge in the District, and the Past Masters ably assist the Worshipful Master. Elk Lake is noted for its hospitality to visiting brethren, and this was no exception.

The work throughout the entire District is uniform, and in very few cases had I to correct the work of the officers. Much of the credit for this is due to the careful coaching and conscientious work of the distinguished brethren who preceded me. The Past Masters in most cases ably support the Worshipful

Master. The candidates are hand picked, and the true spirit of Masonry is evinced in all the Lodges.

Every Lodge in the District either owns its own hall, or a site, and in those cases, building funds have been started, which I imagine makes this District unique, and in our opinion the Banner District of the Province.

In conclusion I desire to thank the brethren for electing me to this high office, and for the kindly manner in which I have been received on every occasion. My visits to the Lodges will ever remain a very pleasant memory.

Fraternally submitted,

JAS. PATERSON, D.D.G.M.,
Temiskaming District.

TORONTO DISTRICT A

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

It is with great pleasure I submit for your consideration my report as D.D.G.M. of Toronto District A for the Masonic year just closed.

Allow me to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the brethren of the District, who conferred on me the honor of being D.D.G.M., and my gratitude for the courtesy, kindness and hospitality that has been shown me everywhere throughout the District.

My first official act after assuming office was to appoint Wor. Bro. W. J. Armstrong, Sr., of Victoria Lodge, District Secretary; also Wor. Bro. Rev. Major Birch, of General Mercer Lodge, District Chaplain.

I owe a deep debt of gratitude to Wor. Bro. Armstrong for his unsparing efforts in prosecuting the duties of that office. His careful scrutiny of the secretary's books in each Lodge has revealed the fact that the secretarial work of the various Lodges is evidently in good hands; many of the Lodges being fortunate enough to have a Past Master for their secretary.

I am pleased to state that on every occasion of my official visit the Worshipful Master was present and occupied the chair. I find the work is of uniform and satisfactory character, while many of the Lodges have reached such a state of perfection that there is little to which the most exacting might object.

In all the Lodges the usual supper, which has become a time-honored part of our social functions, was suitably and fittingly carried out. The banquet table was moderate, and entertainments of an unusual high order, showing that time and study is being given to the work of Masonry in the various phases by which it strives to inculcate the ideas of true fraternity and brotherly love.

I am pleased to note that grants for benevolent purposes by the Lodges are well maintained throughout the District. It is most gratifying to report that Masonry in Toronto District A is in a healthy condition.

Ionic Lodge No. 220, Brampton.—I visited this Lodge on May 20th, being my last official inspection. I regret to say this was my first visit to Ionic Lodge. Wor. Bro. Conover and the officers conferred the Third Degree in a most commendable and impressive manner. Having the advantage of advice and counsel of experienced Past Masters, Ionic is evidently maintaining the best traditions of this splendid Lodge.

Humber Lodge No. 305, Weston.—This was my first official visit, which was on October 27th. I was very cordially received by Wor. Bro. F. Rowntree and the brethren of one of the oldest Lodges in the District. Wor. Bro. Rowntree is well supported by his officers and, judging by the conferring of the First Degree, is doing thorough and capable work. Their ambition is to provide this rapidly growing District with a new Masonic home will soon be realized; the corner stone of which was laid on Saturday, June 7th, by Most Wor. Bro. Harcourt, assisted by many prominent present and past Grand Lodge officers.

Occident Lodge No. 346, Toronto.—This Lodge is still maintaining an honorable position in the District, one of the largest in membership, and under the direction of Wor. Bro. A. E. Powell and his officers, conferred the First Degree on my visit on April 16th in exceptionally good form. My reception I thoroughly appreciated.

River Park Lodge No. 356, Streetsville.—I regret exceedingly that owing to a misunderstanding in regard to date I was unable to personally visit this Lodge. I wish to express my appreciation and thanks to Rt. Wor. Bro. Dargavel in coming to my assistance, who, accompanied by several brethren, visited the Lodge April 15th.

Mimico Lodge No. 369, Lambton Mills.—I paid my official visit to this Lodge May 13th, and received a most cordial welcome by Wor. Bro. Mercer and his

officers. The First Degree was conferred in a highly satisfactory manner. The brethren of Mimico Lodge are most hospitable.

Stanley Lodge No. 426, Toronto.—This was my mother Lodge. I have thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality of Stanley Lodge on many occasions. The Lodge is enjoying a prosperity that comes from the leadership of a long line of Veteran Past Masters. My inspection of the Lodge was on April 1st, when Wor. Bro. Thompson and his officers conferred the First Degree. The stability of Stanley Lodge is second to none.

Victoria Lodge No. 474, Toronto.—I visited Victoria officially April 15th, when I was received in a most courteous manner. The Second Degree was conferred on a perfect candidate by Wor. Bro. Scythes and his officers in a decidedly impressive manner. The Lodge is to be complimented on the excellent support received from its Past Masters.

Parkdale Lodge No. 510, Toronto.—The continued prosperity of this Lodge is quite evident. I shall always have the most enjoyable recollections of my visits to Parkdale Lodge. My inspection was made on March 14th and all the officers under the guidance of Wor. Bro. Ameraux proved themselves to be exceptionally well skilled in the conferring of the First Degree.

Mt. Sinai Lodge No. 522, Toronto.—I had the pleasure of officially visiting this Lodge March 11th, when a most hearty reception was accorded me. A very noticeable feature was the large turnout of members. Wor. Bro. Hansher and his officers are to be congratulated by their sincerity and fidelity of purpose in maintaining the distinction that the Lodge has enjoyed. The First Degree was conferred in an excellent manner.

Mississauga Lodge No. 524, Port Credit.—I visited officially this Lodge on April 10th. The occasion was one of the memorable ones of the year. Wor. Bro. Orr and his officers are to be congratulated on the impressive manner in which the candidate was initiated. The Lodge is in a rapidly growing district and, no

doubt, to provide for the increasing needs of the Craft, active preparations will be made for the erection of a new Masonic Lodge room.

Connaught Lodge No. 501, Mimico.—Paid my official visit to this Lodge May 8th. Wor. Bro. Foreman and his officers exemplified the First Degree in an efficient and impressive manner. The impressiveness was enhanced by the rendering of the musical portion by an excellent choir. This Lodge has well appointed quarters in a splendid district, which would warrant the institution of a new Lodge in the near future.

Temple Lodge No. 525, Toronto.—It was indeed an honor to be the first Master of Temple Lodge. On the occasion of my official visit Feb. 26th, I was received by Wor. Bro. Frazer in a very gracious manner. The attendance was unusually large, the work of the evening being the Third Degree. I feel that the future of this Lodge is in good hands, and that the ancient landmarks will be well guarded.

High Park Lodge No. 531, Toronto.—This is a truly enthusiastic Lodge with every indication of continued prosperity and is to be congratulated on their liberal grant for benevolence. I have always appreciated a visit to High Park Lodge. My inspection of the Lodge on Feb. 21st was indeed a pleasure. Wor. Bro. King and all the officers made a most favorable impression in conferring the First Degree.

General Mercer Lodge No. 548, Toronto.—My visit to this Lodge was on Feb. 8th. My remarks of the other Lodges is applicable to General Mercer. The work of the First Degree was presented in a manner equal to any of the Lodges with whom it labors in common. Bro. Dearden, the hard working secretary, has his books in splendid shape.

Kilwinning Lodge No. 565, Toronto.—The progress of this Lodge has been very marked numerically, and also in the true spirit of Masonry. I was officially received by this Lodge on Feb. 15th and cordially welcomed by Wor. Bro. Ross. The work of the evening was a Third Degree; every officer can be justly congratulated. The Lodge is favored in having a most

capable and energetic Master, Wor. Bro. Ross, to direct the work of a splendid set of officers. Kilwinning makes you welcome.

King Hiram Lodge No. 566, Toronto.—I made my inspection of the Lodge on March 7th. Wor. Bro. Kapsey and his officers are laboring quietly but very earnestly to bring this young Lodge into its proper place, and I sincerely believe that they are on the high road to success. The First Degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner.

Fidelity Lodge No. 575, Toronto.—I have been most cordially received here on several occasions during my term of office. A visit to this energetic and enthusiastic Lodge is a true Masonic tonic. There has been created in this Lodge a loyalty and devotion to Masonic precept and principles by Wor. Bro. Tamblin, seldom excelled. The First Degree, as conferred on Dec. 27th at my inspection, was accurate and impressive.

Transportation Lodge No. 583, Toronto.—The membership of this Lodge is largely made up of our transportation men. The Entered Apprentice Degree was exemplified in a very impressive manner. I felt justified to compliment Wor. Bro. Thomson and his officers, and, indeed, the Lodge. There is evidence in Transportation Lodge of the true brotherly and fraternal spirit.

Sunnyside Lodge No. 582, Toronto.—Paid my official visit to this Lodge Feb. 20th. Under the able leadership of Wor. Bro. Fred Power this Lodge is making rapid progress, and doing excellent work, and is to be congratulated on having such capable and painstaking officers, which was reflected in the exemplification of the First Degree. It has been my pleasure to compliment some of the young Lodge on their efficiency.

Patricia Lodge No. 587, Toronto.—This is one of the new Lodges instituted in the District, which has fully justified its existence. I visited this Lodge Jan. 9th, and was well pleased with the work of Wor. Bro. Cranfield and his officers. The success of this Lodge is assured.

Mount Dennis Lodge No. 599.—My visit of inspection on April 2nd left a most favorable impression. Wor. Bro. McArthur is to be complimented on the impressive manner in which the candidate was initiated. Mount Dennis is a growing suburb and when suitable accommodation is obtained, the Lodge no doubt will meet in the district. The future looks bright for Mount Dennis.

Maple Leaf Lodge No. 600, Toronto.—I received a very cordial welcome from Wor. Bro. Moull when I paid my first visit to Maple Leaf Lodge. The First Degree, as conferred on April 4th, when I attended for inspection, was conferred in a manner that would have done credit to any Lodge in the District. My sincere wishes are extended for a successful future.

Melita Lodge No. 605, Toronto.—My official visit on January 28th left a most favorable impression. This Lodge, although in its infancy, is destined to have a successful future. Wor. Bro. Miller and his officers are imbued with the same enthusiasm as the mother Lodge and there was a congenial spirit manifested that one could not fail to feel, that he was the guest of true and devoted Masons.

Runnymede Lodge No. 619, Toronto.—This is the baby Lodge of the District. In the first year's activities it has fully justified its existence. I am pleased to report this Lodge, which was consecrated by Most Wor. Bro. Harcourt, to be in a very prosperous condition. Wor. Bro. Chisholm and his officers are to be congratulated. His deliberate and impressive delivery was reflected in each of his officers. There was evidence of thorough preparation, which resulted in a standard of work that is seldom excelled.—March 26, 1924.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all who contributed to make each of the visits and the work of the year so pleasant. New acquaintances have been made, and friendships formed, which will last as long as memory holds.

Sincerely and fraternally,

F. G. I. WHETTER, D.D.G.M.,

Toronto District A.

TORONTO DISTRICT B

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

In presenting my report on the condition of Masonry and work done in Toronto District B during the past year, I must first express my thanks to the Lodges and the brethren generally throughout the District for their confidence in me by electing me to represent the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in this District and the many kindnesses shown me during my term.

I regret exceedingly that owing to ill health and snow blockade I was unable to visit three Lodges in the District, but I wish to express my appreciation of the kindness shown by Rt. Wor. Bro. H. C. Tugwell and Rt. Wor. Bro. A. L. Tinker (Toronto District C) in coming to my assistance in visiting these three Lodges for me. Although I did not find it necessary to call on them, I appreciate none the less the kindly Masonic spirit shown by many other P.D.D.G.M.'s who volunteered their services in assisting me.

Every Lodge in the District is in splendid working order, and the work is being exemplified in a most impressive manner. This, no doubt, is largely due to the quality of men who have filled the position of D.D.G.M. during the past years. I was accompanied on most of my visits by not only brethren of my own Lodge, but received splendid assistance from many of the Past D.D.G.M.'s of this and adjoining Districts.

My observation of the work throughout the District convinces me that much of the success of any Lodge depends on the support and devotion of its Past Masters. A well-filled East heartens the Master, encourages the officers and inspires the brethren and the candidates. Where the Worshipful Master is well supported by his Past Masters there will be found an efficient staff of officers and the work well done.

One of the outstanding features of the year has been the large number of candidates coming forward. This perhaps is more noticeable in the city Lodges, but in rural communities the Lodges have been unusually busy. Prosperity of this kind brings with it an attendant danger, and I have not failed to point out the danger to caution each Lodge to be especially careful to see that none are admitted but those who will ultimately reflect honor on our choice.

Space will not permit a detailed account of visits to each Lodge, suffice it to say that in every instance I was most cordially received and that I found few occasions to criticise the work. My plan has been to counsel and advise rather than to criticise. I have endeavored during my term of office to instill into the minds of the brethren the high importance of Masonry, its high idealism, and the benefits to be disseminated and accrued by adherence to its teachings and practice.

Constituting and Consecrating

By command of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Birch Cliff Lodge No. 612 was constituted and consecrated under the direction of Rt. Wor. Bro. P. J. Lee on November 23rd, 1923. My inspection was made on April 11th, 1924, when I was most enthusiastically received and shown the most gracious consideration and the Degree was conferred with much dignity and precision. This Lodge is typical of the district or community spirit, and the fellowship exemplified is most enjoyable, and its future appears to be bright.

By command of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Bay of Quinte Lodge No. 620 was constituted and consecrated on November 16th, 1923, under the direction of Most Wor. Bro. Col. W. N. Ponton. My inspection was made May 16th, 1924, when I was most loyally received and the Degree conferred in an ideal manner. This Lodge is making splendid progress under an ideal Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. W. S. Morden, and the sentiment behind the name, "Bay of Quinte," is likely to go far towards making this Lodge a success. It was my good pleasure to assist in both

of these ceremonies. Every office was filled with Grand Lodge officers and Past Grand Lodge officers, and were conducted with that dignity which befits such a beautiful ceremony.

In conclusion, let me again thank the many brethren throughout the District for the privilege I have had, and the friendships I have formed in endeavoring to serve you as District Deputy Grand Master. I have been the recipient of so many courtesies and kindly attentions from the membership wherever I visited, that I am unable to adequately convey to you how thoroughly I appreciate all your kindnesses. On account of living at the extreme end of the District it was rather strenuous at times, but the efforts expended have brought so much in satisfaction and happiness, that I consider it my very best investment, for after all, service is the great fundamental principle of all genuine happiness, and he is most happy who serves best. My best effort has been put forth throughout the year, and if I have come up to the expectations of those with whom I have worked. I am entirely satisfied as well as pleased. I cannot close without expressing my appreciation of the services of Wor. Bro. R. A. Purvis, who so kindly consented to act as District Secretary, although a very busy man, but ever ready to assist me, and Wor. Bro. G. C. Kirby, of St. Andrews Lodge, Toronto, who was untiring in his efforts to make my year a pleasant one, and his kindness I shall never forget.

In searching my mind for words to adequately express my feelings this little poem comes to me:

When I consider life and its short years,
Its mysteries of misery and pain,
Its hopes, its fears and failures.
Its struggles and the scant victories we gain;
When I consider life and how at best
Its years are pitifully few,
I thank Lord God that he enriched my span
By giving me such splendid friends as you.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. J. SHIER, D.D.G.M.,
Toronto District B.

TORONTO DISTRICT C

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

I beg to submit for your consideration my report in connection with the Toronto District C.

I desire to first express my appreciation to the brethren of this District for the high honor conferred upon me in electing me their D.D.G.M., also to note my pleasure at the loyal support and friendliness extended from the Worshipful Masters all through the District.

My first official act was to appoint Wor. Bro. F. S. Livingston, of the Metropolitan Lodge, to be District Secretary, and I am very much indebted to him for his valuable assistance and support. In making visits to the Lodges outside of Toronto he was especially helpful.

I was able to visit all the Lodges at least once, most of them twice or more. The books and records are well kept, and the secretaries are all up to date in their work.

Some of the Lodges have a reception committee, and it appears to me that this is particularly desirable in the larger Lodges. Too often it happens that visitors are neglected, and members of the Lodge (who have been absent for some months) find, on registering in the ante-room, that they hardly know any of those present. In this connection, at least, a reception committee renders valuable service.

During the year a Past D.D.G.M.'s Association was formed in the City of Toronto, which it is expected will be of assistance to the newly elected D.D.G.M.'s.

Harmony prevails throughout the District, and many visits are exchanged between the various

Lodges. This is particularly noticeable in the suburban area.

King Solomon's Lodge No. 22, Toronto.—This Lodge, the oldest in the District, continues to hold the high reputation it has earned. I have been more or less connected with the brethren here for a number of years, the Worshipful Master, W. H. Hoare, being an old Masonic friend. On October 11th I accompanied Rt. Wor. Bro. J. A. Rowland, D.G.M., on the occasion of their Past Master's Night, being introduced by Wor. Bro. J. C. Bansley. We received a cordial welcome from Wor. Bro. W. Anderson, and spent a most delightful evening.

My official visit was paid on March 13th, when I was accompanied by Wor. Bro. F. S. Livingstone. The First Degree was exemplified in an exemplary manner. There was a good attendance, the officers being enthusiastic, and the secretary, Wor. Bro. Charles T. Hoare, a capable officer. There was a fine array of Past Masters present, among whom was Very Wor. Bro. Dan McDonald, who has never missed a meeting, regular or emergent, since his initiation more than fifty years ago. I again visited the Lodge on the occasion of a visit from St. John's Lodge, Hamilton, some eighty brethren making the trip. This, I understand, is an annual affair between the Lodges, and the visits are looked forward to with much pleasurable anticipation.

Richmond Lodge No. 23, Richmond Hill.—Accompanied by Wor. Bro. F. S. Livingston, Wor. Bro. T. E. C. Butler, and a number of brethren from the Metropolitan Lodge, I visited this Lodge officially on December 19th. We were cordially welcomed by the Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. H. H. Lang, who is a very earnest Mason. The First Degree was conferred in a very satisfactory manner, all the regular officers, with the exception of the Junior Warden, being in their places. The books are in splendid shape, the excellent secretary, Bro. A. L. Phipps, being at a later meeting elected Junior Warden, that office having become vacant. There was a good attendance of members and Past Masters, among the latter being Rt. Wor. Bros. J. H. Dunlop and H. A. Nicholls. Rich-

mond Lodge is particularly fortunate in having so many active Past Masters. The prospect of the Lodge are good. They now own their own building free of encumbrance.

Rehoboam Lodge No. 65, Toronto.—I visited Rehoboam Lodge officially on May last, Wor. Bro. W. B. Revely acting as District Secretary. I was also accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. J. G. Archibald, P.D.D.G.M., Wilson District. There was a splendid attendance of members and visitors, the Worshipful Masters of Tuscan (Newmarket) and Missisauga (Port Credit) Lodges being present with their officers and brethren. The Worshipful Master welcomed us cordially and the First Degree was conferred in a very commendable manner. Rehoboam Lodge bears a very high reputation both for the quality of its work and its membership. In Very Wor. Bro. George H. Mitchell the Lodge has an excellent secretary. I have seen the books; they are models of neatness and very comprehensive; it is a pleasure to peruse them. The Treasurer, Very Wor. Bro. Park, has acted in this capacity for over 40 years. W. Bro. George W. Slack is an experienced presiding officer. A noticeable feature of the meeting was the number of members of long standing and Past Masters who were present. The finances and general condition are very gratifying. With the January circular the secretary enclosed a synopsis of the preceding year's work and occurrences, which is very interesting, and I am sure valuable to the members.

Simcoe Lodge No. 79.—Bradford.—Accompanied by Wor. Bro. F. S. Livingston, Bros. A. M. Smith and George Douglas, all of the Metropolitan Lodge, I visited this Lodge officially on May 12th. The Lodge opened punctually at 8 p.m., there being a number of visitors from Queensville and Newmarket. The Third Degree was conferred in a most efficient manner by Wor. Bro. Charles Wilson and his officers, the candidate being well versed in the work of the preceding Degrees. There was a good attendance, the Lodge room being filled, and quite a large percentage of the Past Masters of the Lodge.

Wilson Lodge No. 86, Toronto.—On September 18th I accompanied the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to Wilson Lodge (of which I am a member), being cordially received by Wor. Bro. A. H. Toppin. Rt. Wor. Bros. H. G. French, G.S.W., Wm. C. Wilkinson, George McLeish, R. B. Dargavel, Thomas Forsyth and Very Wor. Bro. J. Pearson, were also present, together with Wor. Bro. James Wray, of Union Lodge No. 7, Grimsby, and a large number of his brethren. After the initiation I had the pleasure of presenting Rt. Wor. Bro. Ernest A. Lewis with a set of P.D.D.G.M.'s regalia. Most Wor. Bro. Drope, on behalf of the Lodge, then invested Very Wor. Bro. Sam Brown with his regalia as Grand Steward, Very Wor. Bro. George Ross also presenting him with a tea service as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the Lodge, he having acted as treasurer for a very long term. On January 15th I paid my official visit, being introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. E. M. Carleton, who has always shown a deep interest in my Masonic career. The son of one of the members was initiated this evening, and I cannot speak too highly of the manner in which the Degree was conferred by W. Bro. W. M. Bowman and his officers, it being the first regular meeting after the installation. The attendance was good. Wilson Lodge is fortunate in having a most efficient secretary, Bro. W. L. Lawer. The books are as perfect as it is possible to be, and it is a pleasure to examine them. The Lodge suffered a serious loss recently in the death of two of their Past Masters in one week, Wor. Bros. T. A. Duff and J. J. Gee, who have always been active in its interests.

Sharon Lodge No. 97, Queensville.—I visited this Lodge officially on May 13th, it being my last inspection. I was accompanied by Wor. Bro. F. S. Livingston, Very Wor. Bro. J. G. McDonald, and brethren from Metropolitan Lodge. The work of the evening was initiation, the Degree being conferred in a satisfactory manner. The officers are quite efficient and the books are well kept. There was a large attendance, quite a number of Past Masters being present, among whom were Wor. Bros. Wilson and J. J. Terry, who have been members of the Lodge for 52 and 47 years respectively. A number of visitors were

present from Thornhill, Aurora, Newmarket, Bradford and Sutton West.

Tuscan Lodge No. 99, Newmarket.—Accompanied by Wor. Bro. F. S. Livingston I visited Tuscan Lodge officially on December 12th. The Second Degree was exemplified in a very commendable manner. Unfortunately the Worshipful Master Wor. Bro. W. J. Patterson was absent through illness, but from enquiries I found that he was efficient and well able to conduct the business of the Lodge. The officers gave evidence of knowing their work thoroughly, which I regarded as a sign of the Master's skill. The Past Masters were well in attendance, the books are well kept and the prospects of the Lodge are bright. Tuscan Lodge recently moved into new quarters, which are a very great improvement on the premises they lately occupied.

Rising Sun Lodge No. 129, Aurora.—I paid an official visit to this Lodge on October 5th, it being my first inspection. In addition to Wor. Bro. F. S. Livingston I was accompanied by Very Wor. Bro. Charles L. Wilson, Rt. Wor. Bros. T. Barber, J. E. Francis, Wor. Bro. T. E. C. Butler and a number of the brethren of the Metropolitan Lodge. Visitors were also present from Thornhill, Newmarket and Queensville. The Lodge was opened promptly and there was no delay in receiving visitors. The First Degree was conferred in a creditable manner by Wor. Bro. J. F. Willis and his officers. There was a splendid number of Past Masters present. The books of the secretary, Very Wor. Bro. J. G. McDonald, are carefully kept, and the condition of the Lodge is quite satisfactory. At the banquet table we were wonderfully entertained, the members' ladies having excelled themselves with regard to refreshments.

York Lodge No. 156, Toronto.—On November 16th I visited York Lodge on the annual Scotch night, being received in a hearty manner by Wor. Bro. Alex Paton. This was also the night of the election of officers, and everything proved harmonious. At the banquet table a very pleasant and instructive entertainment was provided. On March 21st I paid my official visit, being accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. C.

Murphy, Very Wor. Bros. J. Cook, R. Ferguson, and the Worshipful Masters of Metropolitan, Ashlar and North Gate Lodges. The First Degree was conferred in a most creditable manner, although the Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. Wm. C. Norman, had just recovered from a severe illness. There was a splendid attendance of the members, emphasizing once again the inadequate quarters in which this large Lodge meets. Plans are, however, under consideration for a new building. The secretary of the Lodge, Wor. Bro. W. E. Hofland, is also secretary of the Hall Board, and a very capable officer.

Ashlar Lodge No. 247, Toronto.—I attended this Lodge on October 23rd, the occasion of a reception to Rt. Wor. Bro. John A. Rowland, D.G.M., being introduced by Very Wor. Bro. Thomas Reid, and receiving a cordial welcome from Wor. Bro. A. E. Hessin. On January 22nd I paid my official visit. The First Degree was conferred in a most impressive manner, it being the first meeting following the installation of officers. The Master, Wor. Bro. Charles S. Hamilton, is a Mason of much experience and is assisted by excellent officers. The books of the secretary, Wor. Bro. W. H. Lyon, show the result of his careful attention. I again visited Ashlar Lodge on February 26th, and witnessed the Past Masters confer the First Degree, when Rt. Wor. Bro. E. W. E. Saunders was in the Master's chair.

A District Night was held on May 27th, when Most Wor. Bro. F. W. Harcourt took charge of the work of the Degree, assisted by the Masters of the City Lodges in District C, the brethren from the Lodges in the District outside of the city being the guests of the evening. It was truly a most delightful event and much appreciated by those present. There is a Past Masters' Association in connection with this Lodge, and very good work is being done by a committee of which the Senior Warden is chairman, in the way of helping to entertain Masons in a nearby institution.

Patterson Lodge No. 265, Thornhill.—I first visited Patterson Lodge on the occasion of a fraternal

visit from the brethren of North Gate Lodge. This was the first meeting after vacation, and there was a splendid attendance. The proceedings at the banquet table were most enjoyable. I paid my official visit on November 15th, receiving a hearty welcome from Wor. Bro. W. J. Jackson. The First Degree was conferred in such a manner as to meet with the approval of all present. The Lodge has a very able officer in the person of Wor. Bro. J. A. Thompson, the secretary, and the Past Masters attend well. Much activity has been shown during the past year under Wor. Bro. W. J. Jackson, and a great deal of the success achieved is due to his efficiency.

Zetland Lodge No. 326, Toronto.—I accompanied the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers to Zetland Lodge on September 28th, the occasion of their annual Canadian Night, the son of a Past Master being initiated. At the banquet table the toast of Canada was proposed by the late Sir Edmund Walker, and responded by Sir Henry Thornton, the guests of the evening being introduced by Most Wor. Bro. E. T. Malone.

On April 26th I paid my official visit, being accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bros. J. H. Dunlop, J. A. Slade, P. J. Lee and a number of the Masters of the Lodges in District C. Wor. Bro. Charles H. Collins acted as secretary and we were introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. H. A. Taylor. The business was handled without any delay. Two candidates were initiated with dignity and in such a manner as to meet with unqualified approval. Wor. Bro. J. A. Scythes is an ideal presiding officer. The books are well kept. There was a splendid attendance, and the Past Masters were present in goodly numbers.

Harmony Lodge No. 438, Toronto.—I visited Harmony Lodge on September 24th, the occasion of a reception to Rt. Wor. Bro. John A. Rowland, D.G.M. There were also present brethren from the Metropolitan and University Lodges, the work of the evening being done by representatives from these Lodges. During the evening an illuminated address was presented to the Deputy Grand Master by Rt. Wor. Bro. J. B. Nixon.

Accompanied by Wor. Bro. F. S. Livingston, I paid my official visit on April 28th, being introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. J. B. Nixon, to whom I owe thanks for his kindness to me on many occasions. I received a warm welcome from the Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. W. J. A. Lytle. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, among whom were a number of the Masters of the city Lodges. The First Degree was conferred in a highly commendable way, the work of the Master and officers being all that could be desired. The secretary's books are well kept, and the affairs of the Lodge are in a very satisfactory condition. A reception committee is appointed by the Worshipful Master to receive and welcome visitors and members in the ante-room. They remain there until the work of the Degree commences. This committee is doing splendid work.

Corinthian Lodge No. 481, Toronto.—I attended Corinthian Lodge on September 27th, when the DeMolay Lodge, of Buffalo, paid a fraternal visit. Most Wor. Bro. W. N. Ponton and R. W. Bros. C. G. Anderson, J. H. Dunlop, Charles Murphy and R. B. Dargavel were also present. We received a cordial reception from Wor. Bro. W. H. Hunter, the Third Degree being exemplified by the visiting Lodge. At the banquet table we listened to some very inspiring addresses from Most Wor. Bro. Ponton and the distinguished brethren from Buffalo. I officially visited this Lodge on April 24th, when I was introduced by Wor. Bro. Marc David, a hearty reception being accorded myself and a number of the Masters of other Lodges in this District who were present. The First Degree was conferred in an excellent manner by Wor. Bro. F. Keeler and his officers. The books are well kept, much credit being due W. H. Hunter, who is assistant secretary, for the present state of records.

Malone Lodge No. 512, Sutton West.—I officially visited Malone Lodge on April 30th, when a special emergent meeting was called. In addition to the District Secretary I was accompanied by Most. Wor. Bro. E. T. Malone, Rt. Wor. Bros. R. J. Shier, T. Barber, John Tanner, Very Wor. Bros. C. L. Wilson, J. G. McDonald, J. Cook, Wor. Bros. G. Malone, W. J. Jackson,

and a number of Past Masters from Lodges in the District, about 35 visitors being present from neighboring District. We received a warm welcome, and the Second Degree was conferred in a very pleasing manner. The attendance was good, the books are in proper shape, and the brethren are earnest in their endeavors to promulgate the teachings of Masonry. During the evening Most Wor. Bro. E. T. Malone (who is a member of the Lodge) gave an encouraging and interesting talk to those assembled. Altogether the prospects of the Lodge are bright.

Metropolitan Lodge No. 542, Toronto.—This being my own Lodge I have attended all the meetings during the year. There is a friendly and intimate feeling that exists among the members, which as a rule disappears as the Lodges grow. The Lodge was instituted under favorable conditions, Rt. Wor. Bro. John A. Rowland being its first Master. The present healthy state is to a large extent due to his guidance and advice during the earlier years.

On September 26th reception was tendered to Rt. Wor. Bro. J. A. Rowland, D.G.M., and myself, it being the first meeting after election to our present offices. We were accompanied by Most Wor. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, Rt. Wor. Bros. C. G. Anderson, D.D.G.M., Toronto District D, George Sirrs, DD.G.M., Bruce District, E. W. E. Saunders, J. H. Dunlop, R. B. Dargavel, C. Murphy and Very Wor. Bro. C. L. Wilson, receiving a cordial welcome from Wor. Bro. T. E. C. Butler. Among those present were visitors from Harmony, York, Wilson, University and Mount Sinai Lodges, who took part in conferring the Second Degree. On December 26th I assisted Rt. Wor. Bro. Rowland in installing the officers for 1924.

I officially visited the Lodge on February 27th, when I was accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. J. A. Rowland, D.G.M., Rt. Wor. Bros. C. G. Anderson, Charles Murphy and E. A. James, Wor. Bro. T. A. Carson acting as secretary. The First Degree was conferred by Wor. Bro. H. J. Coon and his officers in an impressive manner, after which Rt. Wor. Bro. Anderson, at my request, reviewed the work.

On April 23rd Most Wor. Bro. W. J. Drope, Grand Master, visited the Lodge, receiving a most hearty welcome. This evening is one that will long be remembered by the brethren, both as to the ceremonies in the Lodge room and the splendid and novel entertainment provided by the members, under Wor. Bro. T. E. C. Butler, at the banquet. The Metropolitan quartette is of excellent assistance to the Degree work and also the later proceedings.

Oakwood Lodge No. 553, Toronto.—On October 29th I attended Oakwood Lodge on the occasion of the visit of Wardrobe Lodge, Hamilton, being welcomed by Wor. Bro. E. Salisbury. The First Degree, was conferred by the officers of the visiting Lodge, the candidate being a brother of the Worshipful Master of Wardrobe Lodge. Wor. Bro. Smith, of Galt, the candidate's father, was also present and took part in the ceremony. This visit is looked forward to as an annual event by the members of both Lodges. I paid my official visit on April 14th, when the First Degree was conferred in a very satisfactory manner. The Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. T. R. Tennant, is well qualified, and the officers all efficient. In Rt. Wor. Bro. W. Hyndman they have an excellent secretary, and with a strong array of Past Masters, who attend regularly, the prospects of this progressive young Lodge are very bright. I again visited Oakwood Lodge on June 9th, the fifth anniversary of its institution, when the Degree work was exemplified by the Past Masters, assisted by Most Wor. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, and the various D.D.G.M.'s who were connected with the Lodge during the several years.

St. Clair Lodge No. 577, Toronto.—I visited St. Clair Lodge officially on April 2nd, being introduced by Wor. Bro. R. G. Furness, and welcomed in the absence of the Master (who was ill) by Wor. Bro. L. E. Lane. The First Degree was conferred in an entirely satisfactory manner. Special mention should be made in this connection of Bro. Frisby, the Junior Warden; it was certainly a delight to listen to him. The books were in splendid shape, Bro. P. Bach, the secretary, being very efficient and a model of what a good secretary should be. At the banquet table we

were entertained by the St. Clair Orchestra. Altogether this Lodge looks very healthy, the growth lately having been very gradual. Wor. Bro. Summerfeldt, I.P.M., who had been ill, was present this evening and took part in the work.

Harcourt Lodge No. 581, Toronto.—I officially visited Harcourt Lodge on January 16th, a very cordial welcome being extended by the officers and members of the Lodge. On this occasion dinner was served at 6 p.m., and after the toasts had been honored we listened with much pleasure to Rt. Wor. Bro. John Wilson, who gave us some of his experiences on a recent trip to the Continent and Great Britain. At the Lodge I was formally introduced by Wor. Bro. Robert Wherry, and the Second Degree was conferred in such a manner that merited every praise. This evening will remain as a very pleasant memory with me. I again visited the Lodge on April 16th, when I had the rare privilege of seeing Rt. Wor. Bro. John Wilson install his son as the new Worshipful Master.

North Gate Lodge No. 591, Toronto.—I visited North Gate Lodge on October 25th, when Wor. Bro. W. J. Jackson and the brethren from Patterson Lodge No. 265 paid a fraternal visit, receiving a cordial welcome from Very Wor. Bro. Harry Linney. This interchange of friendly visits has been of great benefit to both Lodges, particularly Patterson Lodge.

My official visit was on March 27th, when I was accorded a hearty reception by Wor. Bro. B. R. Coon. The First Degree was conferred in a manner that left nothing to be desired. There was a splendid attendance, quite a number of the Past Masters being present. Rt. Wor. Bro. Charles Murphy, Very Wor. Bro. J. Cook and Wor. Bro. Urmy are very active in the interests of the Lodge, and the work of the evening showed the result of their careful training. Although the Lodge is a young one, it is already established on a sound basis.

Fairbank Lodge No. 592, Toronto.—I visited Fairbank Lodge officially on February 18th, being accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. C. Murphy, Very Wor. Bros. J. Cook, R. Ferguson, Wor. Bros. F. S. Livingston, J.

Cherry and B. R. Coon. We were introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. A. J. Brown, receiving a hearty welcome from Wor. Bro. S. H. B. Tonkin. The First Degree was conferred very impressively, the Worshipful Masters and officers being thoroughly efficient. There was a good attendance, the brethren present paying strict attention to the ceremony. Much enthusiasm prevails among the members, the majority of whom are residents of the Fairbank District, a progressive section just outside of the city. The community spirit exists to a large extent. The books are well kept and the prospects of the Lodge are good.

Unity Lodge No. 606, Toronto.—I accompanied Rt. Wor. Bro. J. A. Rowland on October 13th to Unity Lodge, it being the occasion of the visit of the Worshipful Master and brethren of Doric Lodge, Brantford. We were cordially welcomed by Wor. Bro. E. Trumper. The visiting brethren conferred the First Degree. Among the Past Masters who journeyed from Brantford was Very Wor. Bro. T. R. Logan, Grand Senior Deacon.

I paid my official visit on April 12th, being accompanied by Wor. Bro. W. T. Mills, who acted as secretary. We were introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. E. J. Flath, and were accorded a hearty reception by Wor. Bro. Fred Pelling. The Third Degree was conferred in a pleasing manner, the Worshipful Master and officers having a thorough knowledge of the work. The books are well kept. Unity Lodge has not progressed in the past as well as it should, but I believe that under the guiding hand of Wor. Bro. Pelling, with the assistance of his officers and members, who are all apparently working whole-heartedly with the interests of the Lodge in view, "Unity" Lodge will justify its name, and become one of the bulwarks of Masonry in this District. The prospects at the present time are good.

Golden Fleece Lodge No. 607, Toronto.—I officially visited Golden Fleece Lodge on February 21st, being introduced by Very Wor. Bro. R. Ferguson, and receiving a cordial welcome from Wor. Bro. A. McKennedy. The Second Degree was conferred ex-

ceptionally well, a very friendly and intimate atmosphere seeming to pervade the whole meeting. The musical portion of the ritual was also well rendered. The secretary, Bro. F. A. Beatty, is a capable and painstaking officer, the Lodge books showing the result of his care and attention. Owing to this evening being also the occasion of York Lodge Ladies' Night a number of the brethren who are also members of York Lodge were absent. The night was stormy, but there was a very good attendance. Wor. Bro. McKennedy is an experienced and energetic Master.

During the year I have had close association with the District Deputy Grand Masters in the other Toronto Districts, and my thanks are especially due to Rt. Wor. Bro. C. G. Anderson, who has accompanied me on a number of occasions. He has always been willing and anxious to co-operate with me, and the most friendly feeling exists between the Districts.

In conclusion I desire to thank the many Past Grand Officers and Past Masters who have assisted me during the year. Their kindness has been unflinching, and I shall always look upon the past year as one of pleasure and inspiration. I feel sure that the friendships formed during this period will last, and that it has been of mutual benefit to us all.

Fraternally submitted,

A. L. TINKER, D.D.G.M.,
Toronto District "C."

TORONTO DISTRICT "D"

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

As the first elected District Deputy Grand Master of the newly created Toronto District "D," it is my privileged honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry as it exists in the sixteen city and rural Lodges comprising the District.

It has been my earnest endeavor to discharge my duties in a manner acceptable to the Grand Master and with a full appreciation of the responsibilities of my office, and to the best of my ability I have striven to prove worthy of the trust reposed in me by my brethren.

Masonry may be said to have progressed most satisfactorily during the past Masonic year in this District. Peace and harmony have universally prevailed, and the Lodges have been a unit in promulgating the principles and tenets of the Order.

The Toronto Lodges have been inspired on several occasions by the presence of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and his words of wisdom and encouragement have been appreciated by the thousands who have been privileged to attend the various meetings at which Most Wor. Bro. W. J. Drope has been present.

In this District I have found the Masters, their Wardens and Officers generously supported by most efficient Past Masters, whose fidelity to the Craft in general and their own Lodges in particular is worthy of unlimited commendation. I have observed a close bond of fraternal friendship prevailing between the Sister Craft Lodges of the city and rural areas, and it was my endeavor to intensify this relationship.

I was fortunately able to personally inspect the work of each Lodge, and individually and collectively I was impressed with the uniform manner in which the

various Degrees were conferred, the effective adherence to the ritual, the desire to conform to the ancient usages and established customs of the Order, and the conformity to the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, that I found everywhere in evidence.

In conclusion, I acknowledge my indebtedness to my predecessors in office who accompanied me from time to time, and who by their presence inspired me, and those whose privilege it was to welcome them. The work has been most enjoyable, and on all sides I have been the recipient of many kindnesses and courtesies which I accepted not merely as personal esteem, but as the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge.

On behalf of my mother Lodge Alpha No. 384, I desire to convey to all my brethren an expression of my gratitude for the honor conferred upon me, and upon Alpha Lodge, and bespeak for my successor the same whole-hearted co-operation that has been so generously accorded to me.

The Past Masters' and Wardens' Association in Toronto continues to play an important part in all matters of interest and has been stimulated by its officers and those responsible for its welfare until it is rightfully regarded as a mighty factor for good in furthering the interests of the Craft.

My first official duty was to appoint Wor. Bro. W. J. J. Butler as District Secretary, and his duties were performed in a most efficient and pleasing manner which endeared him to all the Lodges, and his companionship rendered my duties the more pleasant.

He reports that the books and records of the Lodges are in a most satisfactory condition, that the finances are for the most part all that could be desired, and that the secretaries are fulfilling their duties in a most exemplary manner.

Visitations

Vaughan No. 54, Maple.—On Tuesday, May 13th, Vaughan Lodge, Maple, was visited officially. The

Degree was conferred by Wor. Bro. T. F. L. Hadwen in an impressive and able manner, in the newly decorated Lodge Room, which reflects much credit to Vaughan Lodge. There were a number of visiting brethren present from the surrounding Lodges and from Toronto. The Fourth Degree was held in the new banquet hall, when Rt. Wor. Bro. J. B. McLean, P.D.D.G.M., acted as toastmaster. Vaughan Lodge may be numbered among the most progressive of the rural Lodges in Ontario.

True Blue No. 98, Bolton.—In September it was my pleasure to be present at the regular meeting, when the presentation of regalia was made to the retiring D.D.G.M., Rt. Wor. Bro. Dr. J. A. Slade, and in October I visited the Lodge officially, when the First Degree was exemplified in a manner that reflected creditably on this, one of the oldest Lodges in the jurisdiction.

Union No. 118, Schomberg.—On November 26th, Union Lodge, Schomberg, conferred the First Degree for my observation in a manner that was creditable in view of the fact that the officers were but recently installed. Where defects were noticeable, I commented on the errors or omissions and pointed out where improvements might be made in procedure.

We spent a very pleasant evening among the brethren and were royally entertained at the Fourth Degree by this historical old Lodge.

Robertson No. 292, King.—On Monday, April 14th, it was my privilege to visit Robertson Lodge No. 292, King, accompanied by a number of Past Grand Lodge officers and some of the members of Alpha Lodge. The work of the evening was the Second Degree, which was exemplified in a most acceptable manner.

This Lodge is to be congratulated on the fine new Temple they have erected. There appears to be a commendable spirit of aggressiveness and a pleasing fraternal unity of harmonious endeavor existing in this Lodge.

Blackwood No. 311, Woodbridge.—On March 14th, despite the poor condition of the roads, we

motored to Woodbridge to inspect the work of Blackwood Lodge No. 311, and after being welcomed most cordially by the Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. S. W. Mayhew, the First Degree was exemplified in a manner that warranted the words of commendation and encouragement that it was my privilege to convey. Here, too, I found in evidence the zealous support of an enthusiastic and efficient group of Past Masters available as an inspiration and help to the Ruling Master, and the work was exemplified in a manner that compared favorably with the best of city Lodges.

St. George No. 367.—On April 4th St. George Lodge was visited officially when Wor. Bro. E. R. Shaw and officers conferred the First Degree. The initiatory ceremony was given most impressively as is becoming to this Lodge that has so many years of historical tradition recorded in its honor, and has contributed so many zealous Masons to the Craft.

A number of the Past Grand officers were present, among whom were Rt. Wor. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, P.D.D.G.M., Very Wor. Bro. A. G. Horwood, and Rt. Wor. Bro. E. W. E. Saunders, P.D.D.G.M.

Numbered among the guests was a goodly array of the members of Kilwinning Lodge, who sparkled with Scotch humor at the supper table.

It was certainly an all round good night at St. George Lodge.

Alpha Lodge No. 384.—Alpha Lodge No. 384 being my Mother Lodge, and the Lodge over which it was my privilege to rule as Worshipful Master in the year 1919, Rt. Wor. Bro. A. L. Tinker, D.D.G.M., of Toronto District "C," very kindly consented to officiate as the inspecting officer for the March meeting held on Thursday, March 6th, when Wor. Bro. T. D. Stokoe exemplified the First Degree in a manner that received the commendation and approval of my friend and colleague. The East was arrayed in large numbers with the active Past Masters of Alpha who have constantly remained loyal and regular in their attendance at both the regular and emergent meetings. Instituted forty-one years ago, Alpha is still honored with the presence

at almost every meeting of its first Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. George Tait, its first candidate, Wor. Bro. George MacKenzie, together with an average attendance of Past Masters, exceeding eighteen. The secretary, Very Wor. Bro. E. J. Voss, is in his twenty-seventh consecutive year of most acceptable service, and Wor. Bro. Robert Thompson, who was present, has for many years held the office of treasurer.

Our District Secretary being a member of Alpha, Wor. Bro. F. S. Livingston, secretary of District "D," accompanied Rt. Wor. Bro. Tinker and commented favorably on the condition of the administrative affairs of the Lodge. Notwithstanding the duties that accompany the honor of my office, it has been my privilege to attend all the regular and emergent meetings of my Mother Lodge, when not conflicting with unavoidable official engagements.

On Thursday, May 1st, Alpha Lodge was honored by the presence of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. W. J. Drope.

He was accompanied by a number of Grand Lodge officers, including my colleague from Toronto District "A," Rt. Wor. Bro. F. G. I. Whetter, Rt. Wor. H. G. French, Rt. Wor. Bro. J. A. Slade, Rt. Wor. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, Rt. Wor. Bro. E. W. E. Saunders, Rt. Wor. Bro. George Tait.

Wor. Bro. T. D. Stokoe had invited the rural Lodges of the District to visit Alpha, and there was a real response from the brethren from outside points. The Ruling Master was afforded an opportunity of conveying his good wishes to a most representative gathering of the entire District.

Zeta Lodge No. 410.—Zeta Lodge No. 410 was officially inspected on February 22nd, when the First Degree was worked in a most creditable and effective manner. This Lodge is one of the most progressive Lodges in the District and a spirit of harmony and good fellowship seems to be predominately in evidence.

Wor. Bro. Sam Alexander is fortunate in having the assistance of a number of enthusiastic Past Mas-

ters and officers, and the Degrees are exemplified in a manner that warrant the approval of the inspecting officer.

They are zealous Masons, their dues are well paid up, and particularly worthy of mention are their benevolent disbursements, the Lodge having contributed according to their last financial statement \$1,422.68 for the year.

In the absence of Wor. Bro. W. J. J. Butler, Wor. Bro. W. W. Schoales accompanied me as acting District Secretary.

Peel Lodge No. 463, Caledon East.—On Friday, May 16th, the Worshipful Master and officers of Peel Lodge, Caledon East, exemplified the First Degree, and I was agreeably surprised at the outstanding excellence of their work. Wor. Bro. Harold Spratt and all the officers were ritualistically effective, and there was in evidence an atmosphere of dignity and precision.

The Fourth Degree was held in the new Community Hall, where Rt. Wor. Bro. R. B. Dargavel gave an interesting address.

Stanley Lodge, of Toronto visited as guests, as well as Transportation Lodge of Toronto, and the brethren of Mimico Lodge.

University Lodge No. 496.—One of the outstanding visits of the year was that to University Lodge on February 13th, when the Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. W. Harvey McNairn received me most graciously and proceeded to exemplify the First Degree in a manner rarely excelled.

The Worshipful Master, the Past Masters, and all the officers are to be commended for the zeal and enthusiasm that is apparent in the good work that is being accomplished in University Lodge.

Worthy of special mention are the short talks on the Symbolism of Masonry that are prepared each evening and presented by the Worshipful Master.

They are concise and instructive and of immense informative value.

St. Albans Lodge No. 514.—St. Albans Lodge was officially visited on April 21st, when Wor. Bro. J. L. House and his Past Masters and officers exemplified the Third Degree in a very satisfactory manner. The movements of the officers were rythmical, the enunciation clear and distinct, and an impressive effect was in evidence throughout the Degree.

This Lodge is one of the outstanding Lodges in the District, and the officers appear to be of excellent material and well qualified to move up from time to time.

I have been privileged to visit St. Albans Lodge on several occasions, and will have a happy recollection of my official visit because of the superior manner in which the Third Degree was conferred.

Shamrock Lodge No. 533.—Shamrock Lodge was officially visited on March 18th, and a most pleasant evening resulted. Wor. Bro. J. A. Thompson cordially welcomed me as the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and proceeded to exemplify in a very efficient manner the sublime Degree of a Master Mason. In every detail the work was done in a very acceptable manner and could not fail to leave a lasting impression on the candidate. Shamrock is to be congratulated on the progress it is making and the influence for good that it has established in its sphere of activity.

Ulster Lodge No. 537.—On Monday, March 17th, Ulster Lodge celebrated their annual St. Patrick's Night with a banquet at the Prince George Hotel, when their honored guest was the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. W. J. Drope. A good number of Grand Lodge officers accompanied the Grand Master.

On Monday, April 7th, Wor. Bro. Charles H. Leslie and his officers exemplified the First Degree in a most acceptable manner with full musical ritual. The work was worthy of the favorable report I am enabled to

make with particular reference to the excellency of the manner in which the Worshipful Master performed his duties.

This Lodge has shown remarkable growth, and has attained a membership of over six hundred. There are a large number of Past Masters identified with the Lodge, and the attendance is well maintained.

Tuscan Lodge No. 541.—Tuscan Lodge was visited on February 15th, and work of the evening was most efficiently exemplified by Wor. Bro. J. C. Hetherington, supported by an enviable representation of Past Masters. The First Degree was done with precision and a close observance of the ritual and was impressively and effectively exemplified.

The Lodge appears to be well officered, and I was made to feel that my visit was not only acceptable as the representative of the Grand Master, but old friendships were renewed, and altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent with the brethren of Tuscan Lodge.

Victory Lodge No. 547.—Victory Lodge commemorated their Annual Victory Night on Wednesday, April 23rd. A special ritual authorized by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master was put on which for impressiveness and solemnity is most effective and reverent. It was written and inspired by Wor. Bro. Dr. Austin Evans. A number of veterans of land and sea were in attendance in uniform.

On Wednesday, May 14th, Wor. Bro. Lieut.-Col. W. H. Hedges and his officers exemplified the First Degree. The work was most proficiently demonstrated, with precision and dignity in evidence from beginning to end. Particular worthy of mention was the work of the Worshipful Master, his Junior Warden and the Junior Deacon.

Right Wor. Bro. H. C. Tugwell has been most zealous on behalf of this Lodge and has devoted considerable time to its welfare.

Palestine No. 559.—Outstanding in my recollection of pleasant evenings spent during my term of

office will be my visits to Palestine Lodge. In February I accompanied, along with other Grand Lodge officers, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. W. J. Drope, who was their honored guest for the evening, and who was on that occasion presented with Honorary Life Membership in Palestine Lodge.

On March 26th I visited Palestine Lodge No. 559 officially, and witnessed the exemplification of the First Degree in a manner seldom approached for clearness of enunciation, a close observance of the ritual that well merited the remarks of commendation and approval that I found it appropriate to express. Palestine Lodge holds the unique record of not having one dollar of dues outstanding, the entire 1924 dues having been paid into the Treasurer before the books were presented for inspection. The Lodge has been generous with benevolence and are to be complimented for their zeal in this connection.

At this meeting Rt. Wor. Bro. J. A. Rowland, D.G.M., was present to receive the beautifully engrossed Honorary Life Membership Certificate presented as a tribute of esteem in which he is held by the members of Palestine Lodge. He responded in his inimitable manner, acknowledging his pleasure of the honor conferred on him, and was the speaker of the evening at the Fourth Degree.

Dufferin Lodge No. 570.—On the occasion of my official visit on Tuesday, April 1st, Dufferin Lodge exemplified in a most capable manner the Third Degree. In the absence of the Ruling Master, who has been absent from the Lodge since the night of his installation, having removed unexpectedly to Chicago, the chair was acceptably occupied by Wor. Bro. E. Barber. He was assisted by a number of Past Masters, including Rt. Wor. Bro. E. W. E. Saunders, Wor. Bro. Dr. T. A. Carson, Wor. Bro. R. E. Burns and Rt. Wor. Bro. "Tim" Barber.

The meeting was one of outstanding interest and a number of visiting brethren participated in the enjoyment of the Fourth Degree.

Antiquity Lodge No. 571.—Antiquity Lodge No. 571 was inspected on Wednesday, May 21st, and Wor. Bro. P. K. Perry and his officers were complimented on the excellency of their work. The First Degree was conferred and compared favorably with that of the other Lodges in the District.

Wor. Bro. Perry has exhibited an unusual devotion to the welfare of his Lodge, and has been ably assisted by his efficient secretary, Bro. R. A. MacDonald. On several occasions I was in communication with them and was accorded a genuine welcome. As one of the junior members of the District the Lodge is not as strong financially as the older Lodges, but they are exhibiting a careful policy of conservation that is worthy of mention.

Mizpah Lodge No. 572.—Mizpah Lodge was officially inspected on Thursday, March 27th. For my observation the First Degree was conferred effectively and accurately by Wor. Bro. John Ferguson and his officers. The Past Masters who took part did their work in a faultless and impressive manner. Wor. Bro. Jos. Dorricott has contributed unsparingly of his time to the guidance and welfare of this Lodge, and the average attendance at the regular and emergent meetings has been high, indicative of the loyal support accorded to the Worshipful Master and officers.

War Veterans' Lodge No. 586.—On February 1st War Veterans' Lodge No. 586 was visited officially, and Wor. Bro. C. H. Reeve, the Ruling Master, together with a most efficient staff of officers and Past Masters, conferred the First Degree with unusual precision and efficiency. Particularly commendable was the clearness of enunciation, a close observance of the ritual, and a general smartness of deportment that could well be emulated by the officers of all our Lodges.

In the absence of the District Secretary, who was indisposed, Wor. Bro. T. A. Carson substituted acceptably as secretary.

Grey Lodge No. 589.—On February 8th it was my pleasure to visit in my official capacity Grey Lodge

No. 589, when the First Degree was exemplified, and they did it exceedingly well. This Lodge, though only recently consecrated, is manned by an unusually efficient set of officers under the able guidance of Wor. Bro. Dr. G. H. Armstrong, and is destined to be an influence for good in furthering the welfare of the Craft.

Huron and Bruce No. 611.—Huron and Bruce was visited on three occasions, and each time I was accorded a very gracious reception. It was my privilege to conduct the installation ceremony, and I was present on the occasion of the visit of the Most Wor. the Grand Master and Wor. Bro. General Sir William Otter was the joint guest on the Huron and Bruce County Night, and was honored by our Grand Master, when he was spontaneously appointed a Grand Steward.

On Inspection Night Wor. Bro. Dr. P. J. F. Houston and officers conferred the First Degree with precision and dignity, and it was a pleasure to congratulate the Lodge on the general proficiency that was in evidence. Wor. Bro. Dr. W. E. Struthers, I.P.M., has been of inestimable assistance in the direction of this Lodge, and Wor. Bro. J. H. Spence has been a worthy Past Master who has been of great assistance.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

C. G. ANDERSON, D.D.G.M.,
Toronto District "D."

VICTORIA DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

I have the honor to submit herewith my Report of the condition of Masonry in Victoria District, but before doing so I wish to express my gratitude and appreciation to the Lodges of this District in electing me to this high and honorable office as a representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in this District. I have endeavored to fulfill the duties of my office to the best of my ability and with the full appreciation of the confidence placed in me by the brethren.

I have visited every Lodge in the District once and most of them more, and find that all the Lodges are in a healthy condition. The work of the Degrees have been very well done with the exception of one or two instances, and in these I promptly corrected.

The records of the Lodges are well kept by the secretaries, and the Past Masters show a very active part in all of the work.

On January 4th, Most Worshipful Grand Master W. J. Drope visited Faithful Brethren and Gothic Lodge at Lindsay. The work was put on by D. D. G. M.'s, the Most Worshipful Master giving the charge in the First Degree. At the close of the labors in the Lodge we retired to the Armories, where a Fourth Degree was very delightfully put on.

Victoria District deplores very deeply the loss of Rt. Wor. Bro. Williamson, who was laid to rest under Masonic honors May 31st at the Stone Church, Beaverton. Rt. Wor. Bro. Williamson was very much interested in the welfare of Masonry, and his loss will be greatly felt by all.

On Thursday, January 17th, I paid my official visit to Somerville Lodge, Kinmount, where I had the

honor of installing and investing the officers for the ensuing year. I find that the building is owned by the Lodge and is a credit to them. There are four Lodges in the District who own their buildings.

I wish here to acknowledge with much appreciation every assistance given me by Past District Deputies and the kindness shown me by the officers and members of the different Lodges.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

W. JOBE, D.D.G.M.,
Victoria District.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

I have the honor of submitting my report on the condition of Masonry in Wellington District No. 7 for the year ending June 24th, 1924.

Before entering upon the detailed account of the proceedings of the past year, I desire to express my thanks and appreciation of the honor conferred by the brethren of Wellington District upon Grand River Lodge No. 151, Kitchener, Ont., and therefore upon myself, by the election of one of its members to the distinguished office of D.D.G.M. I have endeavored to uphold the dignity of the office and support and maintain the principles of the Craft. While I have deemed it a great honor, I fully realized the responsibilities which I assumed and have tried to discharge these faithfully and for any shortcomings or failures on my part I crave your indulgence.

Upon assuming office I appointed Bro. Rev. J. R. Webb as District Chaplain, a most enthusiastic Mason.

I was particularly fortunate in securing the services of Wor. Bro. J. E. Bilger, a Past Master of Grand River Lodge, as District Secretary. From my long association with him, I fully realized what a valuable asset his past experience would be. He rendered much assistance, always ready and willing to confer with the secretaries in the examination of their books and giving sound advice when necessary. I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the material support and assistance so cheerfully given.

When paying my official visits I endeavored to impress upon the Worshipful Master and his officers the importance of cultivating the virtue of punctuality in opening the Lodge on the time stated on the notices.

The correct wording of the Penalties in the various Degrees, as well as the one in the installation

work, were given. Several Lodges were not in possession of this.

I appealed to the brethren, especially the secretaries, for co-operation in matters such as the making of returns to the Grand Secretary promptly in order not to delay Grand Lodge Report.

Before assuming my duties I communicated with the Grand Secretary with the view of ascertaining where proper and approved Lodge Books could be obtained. The desired information was duly received and I instructed my District Secretary to make special investigation on our official visits with regard to this matter and to advise the secretaries of the various Lodges to procure the proper set of books where required.

Another duty of the District Secretary was to inquire into the standing of the finances of the Lodges, especially with respect to grants *re* benevolence, and I am pleased to report that some of the smaller Lodges are fairly liberal in this matter, which shows that the Craft in Wellington District is animated with the spirit of Masonic service and is doing at least some practical good in the community.

During my Masonic career I have been requested, by members young in Masonry, to define and explain matters relative to the ceremonies. On assuming the office of D.D.G.M. I made it a point to offer assistance and instruction along these lines to the younger brethren. This I am led to believe has been appreciated.

I never withheld friendly constructive criticism when I felt that such would serve the object I had in view, namely, to maintain a high standard of efficiency and uniformity in the work. These criticisms, I hope, and am sure, were received in the spirit in which they were given, indicating a desire on the part of the officers to exemplify the work in accordance with the ancient landmarks of the Order.

I have noticed in the past that the Mason who has carefully observed our ceremonies, and studied Masonic principles, is much better qualified to preside

over public assemblies, or to rule bodies of men, than another of equal natural ability who has enjoyed no such advantages.

I addressed the brethren on many of my official visits on Masonry, such as the Symbolism of the Degrees, etc., also that we teach that Masonry is a beautiful system of morality, pure in thought, enobling in sentiment and elevating in character: something which should shine forth in our everyday life, which we should not simply teach and profess, but live. We are all too apt to think that if we regularly attend the meetings of our Lodges and perfect ourselves in its beautiful ritual, we have discharged our duty as Masons. This is not enough, however. Beautiful and attractive as our ceremonies are, they are only the shadow, not the substance. The world is not in possession of our secrets and it can only judge our Order as it sees it exemplified in our daily life. It is, therefore, very important that each and every one of us should endeavor to carry out its beautiful teachings in our everyday intercourse with our fellow men. Then, and not till then, will the Craft have fulfilled its noble mission of elevating and improving the standard of morality and advancing the cause of Masonry. God speed the day when Masonry may have fulfilled its mission and be cherished for the good it has done, and the beneficial influence it still exerts in making us better men, better Christians and better Masons.

In the Lodge must be developed the spirit which will influence men of ability to sacrifice their time and personal interests for the sake of teaching Masonic principles to the younger Masons, who are continually applying for instructions to lead them into cleaner and more useful lives.

I visited every Lodge in this District at least once and some of them oftener. My official visits were as follows:

Walker Lodge No. 321, Acton.—Sept. 24th I paid my official visit to this Lodge, accompanied by Wor. Bro. J. E. Bilger, District Secretary, and a number of other brethren from Kitchener. The Entered Apprentice Degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. Moffatt,

assisted by the regular officers and several Past Masters. This being the first meeting after the holiday season it was apparent that the officers had not sufficiently rehearsed their respective parts, with the result that the ceremony lacked smoothness in many respects. This may also be attributed to defective ventilation of the Lodge room, which does not prove conducive to efficiency. The Lodge contemplates securing other quarters, when the matter of ventilation will receive careful attention. This will no doubt be the means of increasing the attendance.

In Wor. Bro. McDonald this Lodge has a most capable secretary. His books are models of neatness and are exceptionally well kept. An unusually small percentage of the members are in arrears of dues. The financial condition of the Lodge is sound and the business affairs appear to be carefully managed.

I offered several suggestions and gave advice with a view to making the work uniform and in accordance with instructions laid down by Grand Lodge. I also gave the correct wording in the penalties in the various Degrees and in the installation of the Master.

Galt Lodge, No. 257, Galt. Oct. 2nd.—At the request of this Lodge I made my official visit coincide with their annual Past Masters' Night, which is the outstanding event of the year in Galt Lodge. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Bro. W. J. Drope, was the guest of honor and by his earnestness, geniality and "approachability" won the hearts of the large number of members and visitors present.

The Past Masters, with Wor. Bro. G. H. Thomas in the East, conferred the First Degree in an able manner on a very receptive candidate. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master assisted in the ceremony by giving the Charge to the candidate in a most excellent and impressive manner which was the feature of the evening, demonstrating that while he is the supreme head and ruler of the Craft in this Province, he is also capable of successfully performing the ritualistic part of Masonry.

The Junior Warden's lecture was given by Wor. Bro. Burnett exceptionally well, which proves that as

a Past Master he is still competent of rendering material assistance to the younger brethren.

After the Degree was completed the Most Worshipful Master delivered a most instructive and inspiring address on Masonry which was thoroughly appreciated by all the brethren present.

The musical talent of this Lodge is of a very high order, reflecting itself in the impressiveness of the ceremony to a marked Degree. The Lodge is making steady progress both from a fraternal and a financial standpoint. The secretary, Wor. Bro. Hetherington, renders efficient service, his books and records being kept in the prescribed form.

Mercer Lodge No. 347, Fergus. Oct. 5th.—Paid my official visit on this date. The Third Degree was exemplified, Bro. Crombie being raised to the Sublime Degree by Wor. Bro. G. A. Reynolds, Worshipful Master, in the East, most ably assisted by Very Wor. Bro. Ross and W. Bro. Ham. The Degree throughout was conferred in a manner which would do credit to any of the larger Lodges in the District. The smaller Lodges do not have the same opportunities for practice as the city brethren.

There being no occasion for criticism, I pointed out a few errors and omissions which were of a trivial nature.

Masonry in this section of the District is apparently making progress.

A goodly number of brethren from Elora, Arthur and other Lodges were present. A most enjoyable evening was spent with the brethren, of which I shall have many pleasant recollections.

A commendable feature of the work of the efficient secretary is a card index of all the members, giving full Masonic history of each. This Lodge also maintains a small library of splendid Masonic books, always available for reference or use of the members.

Ayr Lodge No. 172, Ayr. Oct. 8th.—Visited officially on this date. A cordial reception was given me

by the brethren of Ayr Lodge. Visitors and guests from the surrounding Lodges of Galt, Plattsville, Preston, Paris, Waterloo and Kitchener also enjoyed the unbounded fraternal spirit and hospitality of the officers and members.

The Entered Apprentice Degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. Ramsay and his officers. While the work performed by the Worshipful Master was very impressive, it was quite evident that he is not a proficient ritualist. The Junior Warden's lecture was the feature of the evening, exceptionally well rendered and word perfect.

I had occasion to allude to several irregularities in the ceremony and also advised the secretary as regards being dilatory in forwarding Grand Lodge reports.

After the close of the Lodge all adjourned to the Craftsmen's Club Rooms, which is used as a banquet hall on special occasions. It is a splendid acquisition to Ayr Lodge, of which they have good reason to feel proud. It indicates that Masonry is flourishing in Ayr Lodge.

This Lodge requires a deposit of \$5.00 with every application for membership, which amount is refunded if the application is not favorably received. Only one suspension for N.P.D. in five years.

The secretary keeps the books in accordance with Grand Lodge requirements. Two members are receiving benevolent grants.

A recent change in their bylaws fixes the date for installation of officers in December instead of mid-summer.

Conestogo Lodge No. 295, Drayton. Oct. 9th.— On my official visit to this Lodge I was accompanied by Wor. Bro. J. E. Bilger, District Secretary, and Bro. M. Hughes. We arrived early, in fact before the Lodge rooms were opened, which was supposed to be at 7.30 p.m. This being an emergent meeting there was no work but the conferring of a Degree and there was

considerable further delay in waiting for the candidate who even then failed to put in an appearance.

The Second Degree was exemplified by the Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. Max Noble, in the chair. He, owing to a serious accident last year, appeared to be of a rather nervous disposition. He was ably assisted by several of the Past Masters, who, I understand, are very faithful and prompt in their attendance. The success of the Lodge is due, largely, to the valuable service rendered by these Worshipful brethren.

The benevolent spirit of the Lodge is indicated by the generous annual contribution made to the dependent sister of a deceased member.

The secretary, a Past Master, has procured a new and approved membership register and was in process of transferring the matter from the old one.

Twin City Lodge No. 509, Kitchener. Oct. 26th.—Here I received a very hearty reception. The Entered Apprentice Degree was exemplified in a most impressive manner; all the officers' efforts showing careful thought and preparation. Wor. Bro. Bucknell measures up well to all requirements both as a ritualist and an executive. His personality creates a deep impression on the mind of the candidate.

It is quite evident that the officers of Twin City have made a decided improvement in their work during the present year, leaving no occasion for criticism on my part. This is most commendable. The work of the Deacon and the Junior Warden Lecture are deserving of special mention.

Twin City Lodge is to be congratulated on the efficiency of its energetic and painstaking secretary, Rt. Wor. Bro. George DeKleinhans. Neatness, accuracy and completeness of detail were everywhere in evidence.

This Lodge extends benevolent relief to the widow of a deceased brother.

New Dominion Lodge No. 205, New Hamburg. Oct. 29th.—A large attendance of members and visi-

tors greeted me on my official visit, when I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Holley. In the absence of a candidate I suggested that the brethren who accompanied me from Kitchener Lodges, among whom were P.D.D.G.M.'s, Past Masters, Ruling Masters and other officers, take charge with the permission of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Elmslie.

We exemplified the Entered Apprentice Degree, which took the form of a Lodge of Instruction and which apparently met with the approval of the brethren of New Dominion Lodge and visitors.

May 19th, 1924, I visited this Lodge again when the Second Degree was conferred on a splendid candidate by Wor. Bro. Elmslie and a number of loyal Past Masters.

Existing conditions are all that could be desired. Harmony quite evidently prevails among the brethren and the prospects for the future are bright.

At present the meetings are held in temporary quarters. A new Lodge room is being furnished and decorated and will be ready for dedication in the near future.

A Craftsmen's Club has been formed, to which only members of the Craft are eligible. This will occupy a room adjoining the Lodge room.

The secretarial duties are in the hands of an exceptionally well qualified and competent official, Bro. A. R. G. Smith. The books are being kept as prescribed by Grand Lodge.

The Lodge has no calls for benevolence.

Guelph Lodge No. 258, Guelph. Nov. 13th.—My official visit to this Lodge was of a very pleasant nature. The work of the Third Degree by Wor. Bro. Binks and his officers was deserving of much praise. There was no room for criticism and I had to compliment the brethren for having done their work so creditably.

The large attendance of Past Masters is worthy of special mention. It was here again demonstrated

that the success of a Lodge depends largely on the support it receives from its Past Masters.

I was accorded a most enthusiastic welcome by the brethren of Guelph Lodge. As they rendered material assistance and support in conferring on me the honor which my election brought me, my desire is to merit the confidence they have placed in me.

This Lodge has a splendid system of dealing with applications and their reference to Investigating Committees. A specially ruled and printed ledger facilitates the work of the efficient secretary and is worthy of special mention.

The benevolence of the Lodge is executed cooperatively with the other two Lodges of the city, on an assessment basis, the funds being held in trust and dispensed by a joint Relief Committee.

Irvine Lodge No. 203, Elora. Nov. 16th.—I had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge. A large attendance greeted me here. The First Degree was exemplified in a most pleasing manner by Wor. Bro. Bodley, who, by the way, is the Junior Master (in age) in the District. Although young in years he is exceptionally well posted in the ritualistic part of Masonry.

A number of Past Masters ably assisted the Worshipful Master in conferring the Degree. This feature should be encouraged in all Lodges, as it enables the Past Masters to maintain their proficiency, and it impresses the candidate. It is but simple justice to say that the work was well done by every officer, quite beyond criticism, bringing forth words of commendation from many eminent brethren present.

It was with profound regret that I learned of the illness of Rt. Wor. Bro. D. B. Miller, as I had looked forward with a great deal of anticipated pleasure to meet this highly esteemed P.D.D.G.M. of Wellington District.

I had occasion to express my opinion with regard to the lesser lights which were not located in the position in accordance with Grand Lodge ruling.

The unfortunate permanent disability of a worthy brother has found generous response in the Lodge by a liberal annual benevolent grant.

The secretary, a Past Master, uses all the books called for in the instructions issued by Grand Lodge.

Waterloo Lodge No. 539, Waterloo. Nov. 21st.—I shall long remember my official visit to this Lodge at an emergent meeting. A splendid reception greeted me. The Lodge room was crowded. Visitors from Guelph, Elora, Preston, Galt and Kitchener were in attendance.

Wor. Bro. Otto and a number of Past Masters, assisted by a splendid set of officers, conferred the First Degree in a faultless manner. The work of the Deacon was deserving of special mention.

A musical quartette, noted for their ability to entertain, added materially to the impressiveness of the Degree.

The prospects for the future of this Lodge are bright.

The secret of the popularity and reputation for thoroughness of the secretary, Rt. Wor. Bro. C. O. Hemphill, was disclosed, and found to be justified, in the examination of his books and records.

This Lodge has no claims made on them for benevolence.

Alma Lodge No. 72, Galt. Dec. 28th.—From time immemorial it has been the custom to hold a "Past Masters' Night" on the occasion of the D.D.G.M.'s official visit. We arrived a short time before the opening of the Lodge and before entering the Lodge I was most favorably impressed with the Masonic spirit which appeared to prevail among the brethren. A genuine welcome was tendered me by the brethren of Alma Lodge.

All the chairs were occupied by Past Masters and the First Degree was conferred by Wor. Bro. Campbell, who informed me that they proposed doing the

work as they had been accustomed to in the days gone by.

After the Degree was finished and being requested to express my opinion with respect to the work, I replied that taking the work as a whole I must compliment the Past Masters on its excellence. A slight error or omission here and there was fully compensated for by other features, such as the Junior Warden's Lecture which was given by Rt. Wor. Bro. Hamilton. The candidate was very receptive and appeared to be favorably impressed with the work. With the hearty support of its Past Masters this Lodge will continue to flourish as in the past.

Speed Lodge No. 180, Guelph. March 4th.—I had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge officially, and was very favorably impressed with the excellent manner in which the Fellow Craft Degree was conferred on a bright young candidate by Wor. Bro. E. J. C. Walker, Worshipful Master, and a number of Past Masters who ably assisted in conferring the Degree.

In the unavoidable absence of the secretary, Wor. Bro. Young acted in that capacity and also presented the W.T.'s in the long form in a very impressive way. The Deacon's work was well done.

This Lodge is practicing real Masonry in contributing much material assistance to the widows and orphans of deceased brethren.

While Speed Lodge has the honor of making the largest increase in membership in Wellington District during the past eight years they are exercising great care in the selection of candidates.

Although the weather was disagreeable, there was a large attendance and they tendered me a most cordial welcome.

The members are all enthusiastic Masons and the prospects of the Lodge all that could be desired. The finances are O.K.

The Craft in the city of Guelph have reason to be proud of their Masonic Temple, which has been recently remodelled, being beautiful in appointment.

Grand River Lodge No. 151, Kitchener. March 11th.—It was a special delight to me to have the pleasure of paying an official visit to my mother Lodge where for many years I have been associated with the brethren and shared with them the responsibilities of the work.

An unusually large attendance of members and visitors greeted me, presumably to do honor to one of their members, which was very gratifying and sincerely appreciated.

Wor. Bro. R. J. Wright, Worshipful Master, very ably assisted by the loyal Past Masters, for which this Lodge is noted, conferred the First Degree in such an excellent manner as to earn the praise and approval of all present, and maintaining the high standard of efficiency. The feature of the evening was the Junior Warden's lecture, which was explained in the perambulatory method by Bro. R. Snow, J.W., in a most impressive manner, this being the first occasion that it was so given in this Lodge.

Fraternal visits are carried on with sister Lodges, and the best of harmony prevails.

The Lodge is equipped with an up-to-date ventilating system which is capable of changing the air in the course of ten minutes.

Of late years few calls for benevolent grants have been received, but any demands which present themselves are cheerfully met.

Splendid club quarters are maintained on the Lodge premises, under lease from Grand River Lodge.

The finances are in healthy condition and well managed.

There are many good secretaries in the District, but Bro. P. Fisher without doubt excels them all in neatness and completeness. His books are kept under

double entry system. Very few members are in arrears for dues. Property well covered by insurance.

The prospects of this Lodge are very bright indeed.

During the past ten years it has been the rule that in addition to the Worshipful Master being expected to be proficient in the ritualistic part of the work, he is also required to perform the duties of Installing Master on leaving the I.P.M.'s chair.

This Lodge has the largest average attendance in the District.

Credit Lodge No. 219, Georgetown. March 14th.—Accompanied by Wor. Bro. W. Downing, a former member of this Lodge, I visited officially. As I had had the pleasure of meeting the brethren on previous occasions, I was no stranger. A most cordial welcome awaited me.

There was a large attendance present to witness the conferring of the First Degree by Wor. Bro. Dickie, W.M., ably assisted by a number of Past Masters who give the Worshipful Master most loyal support. Among them is Very Wor. Bro. Grant, a veteran of half a century of service in the Craft.

It is worthy of note that the real Masonic spirit of brotherhood exists and the members do not merely teach and profess Masonry, but live it.

The finances of the Lodge are in excellent shape: a neat balance in the bank which is carefully guarded by the efficient secretary, whose books and records are well kept.

The Lodge owns a splendid lot upon which it is proposed to erect a suitable building to accommodate the increasing membership.

The members proved themselves excellent hosts, as evidenced by the splendid social program provided.

Preston Lodge No. 297, Preston. March 21st.—Had the pleasure of making this official visit to one of

the most prosperous Lodges in the District. The work of this Lodge in the past has been of a very high order and the present officers are endeavoring to maintain that standard of efficiency.

A large attendance of members greeted me. I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Zieman and Rt. Wor. Bro. Edgar.

The F.C. Degree was conferred on three exceptionally well posted candidates, splendid specimens of manhood.

Wor. Bro. Wiley, Worshipful Master, discharged his duties quite satisfactorily.

It was pleasing to see so many Past Masters present. They rendered valuable assistance and are regular in attendance.

This Lodge has outgrown its present quarters. Extensive alterations are under contemplation for the near future.

Very Wor. Bro. King, secretary, is a pillar of strength to this Lodge.

New Hope Lodge, No. 279, Hespeler. April 14th. —On my official visit to this Lodge the Third Degree was exemplified in a most impressive and almost word-perfect manner by Wor. Bro. R. Logan, Worshipful Master, and his officers, assisted by several Past Masters. One of the latter was Wor. Bro. Keffer, who has rendered material assistance to New Hope Lodge for many years. The register indicates that he has been a regular attendant and a loyal supporter of the Worshipful Master in the past.

While the attendance of members and visitors was not overly large, I was nevertheless greeted with a most cordial welcome.

At present there are no calls for benevolence.

The affairs of the Lodge are in capable hands. The Lodge is to be complimented on the efficiency and

ability of its secretary, whose books are kept by double entry system.

The Lodge maintains a tidy balance in the bank.

Waverley Lodge No. 361, Guelph. April 28th.—On this evening, accompanied by the District Secretary and Wor. Bro. J. D. Weir, I paid my official visit to the largest Lodge in the District. We were greeted with a large attendance of members and right royally welcomed. This Lodge has established a most popular innovation in reversing the usual order of procedure. The banquet preceded the meeting of the Lodge, refreshments being served and an entertainment given from 6.30 to 8 p.m. It is also worthy of note that the elaborate spread was arranged and provided for by the brethren themselves, thus keeping the expenditure down to a minimum, a most commendable feature.

After the Lodge was opened and business disposed of in a most businesslike way, the M.M. Degree was impressively exemplified by the Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. Baker, ably assisted by a number of Past Masters well skilled in the work.

The feature of conferring the Degree after the banquet is worthy of emulation, as after the ceremony there is no tendency of the teachings received being marred or forgotten.

Balloting for eight candidates was evidence that the membership is on the increase.

Honor was done one of the members, Rt. Wor. Bro. Day, who is leaving Guelph. He will be greatly missed by the Craft in the Royal City.

In (Lieut.-Colonel) Wor. Bro. Simpson the Lodge has a secretary whose work it is a pleasure to observe. His books are models of accuracy and thoroughness.

Lodge of Instruction

Guelph, May 7th.—Under authority of a Dispensation granted by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, a Lodge of Instruction was held in the Masonic Temple, Guelph, on this date, under the

auspices of Guelph Lodge No. 258, whose officers took charge of the opening of the Lodge.

At 3 o'clock Wor. Bro. Badley, W.M., and officers of Irvine Lodge No. 203, Elora, exemplified the Entered Apprentice Degree most impressively, demonstrating that the smaller Lodges do not take second place to those of the larger centres in efficiency.

Twin City Lodge No. 509, Kitchener.—Wor. Bro. W. Bucknell, W.M., gave a splendid exemplification of the F.C. Degree, with full musical ritual; the latter by a quartette under the direction of Bro. R. MacGillivray. The work elicited warm commendation from all present.

In the evening Wor. Bro. Hignell, Acting W.M., and officers of Guelph Lodge again took charge, the spacious Lodge rooms being completely filled. A large number of Past Masters and several P. D. D. G. M.'s occupied seats on the dais. The Third Degree was worked in an impressive and faultless manner, with full musical ritual by the Lodge choir.

The total number of registrations was 209, representing 31 Lodges. Of the eighteen Lodges in the District, fourteen were represented.

The benevolent spirit of those in attendance was splendidly demonstrated in a generous voluntary "offering" in behalf of an afflicted and much esteemed venerable P.D.D.G.M.

A fitting climax to the most interesting and instructive day was an address (by common consent voted a master-piece) by the District Chaplain, Bro. J. R. Webb, of Kitchener, pastor of King Street Baptist Church, on "The Trinity of the Temple." He pointed out the unity and inter-dependence of three essential elements, viz., Intelligence, Capital and Labor as supplied by Solomon, Hiram, King of Tyre, and Hiram, the Widow's Son, respectively, which entered into the construction of the Holy Temple at Jerusalem. So are these elements essential to the successful construction of every sound enterprise, whether moral, civil, commercial or religious.

The speaker received a wonderful ovation at the conclusion of the address. Seldom has a Masonic gathering been so impressed and moved.

Wilmot Lodge No. 318, Baden. May 23rd.— Visited officially on this date, being the 50th anniversary of the dedication of Wilmot Lodge. The attendance was so large that many could not gain admission, the room being so crowded that it made matters very difficult for the officers to perform their duties.

The First Degree was conferred by Wor. Bro. Schumm, ably assisted by a number of Past Masters and the officers, in a most creditable manner, there being no occasion for criticism. The work compared very favorably with that of any of the city Lodges in the District.

The success, or, might I say, the existence of this Lodge apparently must be attributed to the valuable services rendered by several of its worthy Past Masters, among whom are Very Wor. Bro. Livingston and Very Wor. Bro. Bechtel.

In the present senior and Junior Wardens I feel safe in predicting that Wilmot Lodge will have excellent material for the Master's chair and who will be a credit to the Craft and advance the cause of Masonry in the community.

The attendance at the banquet numbered upwards of 200, who listened to a most inspiring address by the Grand Secretary, who graced the occasion with his presence. The toast to the Empire was proposed by Rev. Bro. Webb, District Chaplain, in his usual impressive style, and very ably responded to by Rt. Wor. Bro. Woolner. A short history of Wilmot Lodge was read by the Worshipful Master, giving the names of the Charter members.

Officially speaking this brings my visits to a close and under most pleasant and delightful circumstances.

The Lodge has no calls for benevolence.

On every occasion I have been the recipient of many kindnesses which I accepted, not only as tokens of esteem personally, but also as expressions of loyalty to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master whom I had the honor to represent.

If my visits have been of benefit to the brethren, I feel amply rewarded for any sacrifices which I have made in the service of the Craft.

My last duty in the District was to officiate at the funeral of our late lamented and dearly beloved Rt. Wor. Bro. D. B. Miller at Elora on June 14th.

In closing, I again desire to thank the brethren of Wellington District for the high honor they have conferred on me, and the many courtesies I have received at their hands.

Fraternally submitted,

M. SCHIEDEL, D.D.G.M.,
Wellington District.

WILSON DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

In accordance with precedent and constitutional requirements, I have the honor to submit my official report on the condition of Masonry in Wilson District during the past year.

I desire, first, to express my sincere appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by the brethren of this District in electing me as their District Deputy Grand Master, an office, the duties of which, in my humble capacity, I have sincerely endeavored to fulfill.

I have also to thank the Past Grand Lodge officers for their kindly assistance and wise council, and express my appreciation of their presence at many of my meetings throughout the District.

My first official act was to appoint, as District Secretary, Wor. Bro. Norman C. Macwhirter, of St. John's Lodge No. 104, Norwich, and as District Chaplain, Wor. Bro. H. W. Eggman, of the same Lodge, to each of whom I extend my thanks and appreciation for their splendid support and advice.

I have visited all the Lodges in the District at least once, and had the pleasure and honor of installing the officers of several of these Lodges, being most ably assisted in this ceremony by the Past Masters of my own Lodge, to whom I am deeply indebted and without whose advice and assistance the burden of my duties would have been greatly enhanced.

In the whole of the Lodges I have visited, there appears to be the most lively interest taken in the work by the officers and members, and I have noticed in many Lodges that a spirit of emulation appears to stimulate them to a wholesome rivalry with each other, in the attainment of greater proficiency in the work. This spirit I attribute, at least partially, to the fact that I have encouraged the members of each

Lodge to embrace every possible opportunity they may have of visiting other Lodges, and, in this way, new points in the working or principles in the practice are picked up and perhaps discussed, so that besides the social benefits that flow from such a friendly intercourse, I believe there is nothing that tends more to beget that uniformity, so much to be desired throughout the jurisdiction, than the mutual visiting of brethren among different Lodges.

Masonry in this District is in a healthy condition, experiencing a vigorous and gratifying expansion; and men of the highest character and standing are eagerly seeking admission to its membership.

Lodge of Instruction

Under a Dispensation granted to St. John's Lodge No. 104, Norwich, I conducted a Lodge of Instruction on May 14th.

Lodge was opened in the First Degree at 2 p.m. by the officers of St. John's Lodge, and after the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting of the District, a resolution was adopted and unanimously carried imploring Grand Lodge to rescind their action of a year ago in cutting off Vienna and Oriental Lodges from this District.

Norfolk Lodge No. 10, Simcoe, then accepted office and exemplified the Entered Apprentice Degree, followed by Oak Branch Lodge No. 261, conferring the F.C. Degree.

Springfield Lodge No. 259 closed a very instructive and largely attended meeting in the three Degrees.

Following the closing of the Lodge, the brethren adjourned to the banquet table.

During the evening, the two hundred or more in attendance were well treated to some splendid addresses from such distinguished brethren at Rt. Wor. Bro. Hon. J. S. Martin and Rt. Wor. Bro. Dr. D. M. Sutherland, P.D.D.G.M., Rt. Wor. Bro. George Ryer-

son, P.D.D.G.M., of Brantford, and many others from different parts of this District.

Just here I wish to express my keen appreciation of the services rendered at this meeting by the members of the Masonic choir of Woodstock. Many excellent numbers were rendered.

Further, I have the honor of reporting the formation of a new Lodge at Mount Elgin on Saturday, Feb. 9th. These brethren, to the number of twenty-eight, enthused with the keenest desire imaginable, joined hands, and with my humble assistance, instituted Dereham Lodge, and, I believe, under circumstances none more favorable to any new Lodge.

So successful have been their operations that their ambition now is to make application for, and obtain, a warrant at the present communication of Grand Lodge. This procedure is fully warranted I think, and I so recommend.

In concluding, may I again express my thanks to the brethren, generally, for the unfailing courtesy and kindness shown me in all my work, which has made the year's activities a most pleasant and helpful Masonic experience.

Fraternally submitted,

E. W. MOLES, D.D.G.M.,
Wilson District.

WINDSOR DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

I herewith submit my report on the condition of Masonry in Windsor District.

I would first convey to the brethren of the District my appreciation of the honor conferred on me in electing me to fill the important office of District Deputy Grand Master.

My first official duty was to appoint Wor. Bro. N. E. Irvine to the office of District Secretary, and I am very grateful to him for the very efficient manner in which he performed his duties.

On Friday evening, Nov. 30th, I was very pleasantly surprised by Windsor Lodge No. 403, of which I am a Past Master, tendering me a reception in recognition of the honor conferred on the Lodge, in having one of its members elected to represent the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master.

One of the outstanding events of Masonry in this District during my term of office was the visit of Most Wor. Bro. Drope and Right Wor. Bro. Rowland to Windsor, at the joint installation of Great Western Lodge No. 47 and Ontario Lodge No. 521 on Monday evening, January 14th, 1924; also their kindness in stopping over and accompanying myself and brethren to Leamington Lodge No. 290, on the following evening, on the occasion of their installation. On both occasions the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master took an active part in these ceremonies, after which the brethren had the distinct pleasure of listening to wonderful addresses from both these distinguished visitors and the impression left by them with the brethren will be a lasting one.

At this particular time I must mention the loyalty of Rt. Wor. Bros. W. N. Gatfield, J. Fred Reid, W. G.

Wells, Wor. Bros. N. E. Irvine, E. B. Winter and C. A. Kenney on accompanying me on my visits to Lodges throughout the District under weather conditions which would ordinarily persuade a man to remain by his own fireside, proving their love for the institution and their interest in the welfare of the Craft in general.

Of my official visits, I am pleased to report that I found Masonry in a flourishing condition and on each occasion I received a most royal reception, showing the esteem in which the Most Worshipful the Grand Masters and his officers are held in this District.

The work as performed throughout Windsor District proves that great care has been exercised in the choosing of the Worshipful Masters and officers of the various Lodges, and that they have given every consideration to the responsibilities placed on them and leaving little room for criticism regarding such duties, making my visits most pleasant in all cases.

In conclusion I wish to thank all the brethren who so ably assisted me in the work throughout this District and made my term of office one of pleasure, and can assure them that I will always feel deeply indebted to them.

Fraternally submitted,

A. H. DALZIEL, D.D.G.M.,
Windsor District.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON WARRANTS

The Report of the Committee on Warrants was presented by R.W. Bro. A. J. Young as follows:

The Board of General Purposes through its Committee on Warrants begs leave to report as follows:

We have examined the Books and Records of the Lodges under dispensation and recommend that Warrants be issued to the following:

Frontenac Lodge, Sharbot Lake, Frontenac District as No. 621.

Lorne Lodge, Chapleau, Nipissing District as No. 622.

Doric Lodge, Kirkland Lake, Temiskaming District as No. 623.

Dereham Lodge, Mount Elgin, Wilson District as No. 624.

Your Committee desire to commend the Lodges applying for Warrants this year on the books and records presented for our inspection. The books of all four Lodges show careful and proper selection and what is more important show that the Officers charged with the keeping of the records are skilled and painstaking in their work. We feel satisfied that the records of these Lodges being started right will continue to be correctly and properly kept through the years to come.

We are pleased to note that the efforts of your Committee to secure uniformity in this important respect have been successful and we trust that the standard we have established will be maintained.

We note that many of the District Deputy Grand Masters consider their duties fully performed when they present the Report of their year to the Grand Master and in it include their recommendations with respect to the Lodges under dispensation in their jurisdiction. These particular Reports do not come before this Committee and unless we have something additional, we are without information as to the attitude of a District Deputy towards a Lodge in his District working under a dispensation and making an application for a Warrant. The Constitution requires the District Deputies to make

a special report in this matter to the Grand Secretary, which Report will come to us in due course and be acted upon.

The Grand Master has referred to this Committee the Petition for a dispensation to hold a Masonic Lodge at Emo, in Algoma District. Emo is distant 22 miles from Fort Frances and 32 miles from Rainy River. The population in the territory tributary to the proposed Lodge is said to be about 6,000. The Petition is signed by some 28 Masons resident in that vicinity. The Petition is concurred in by the Lodges at Fort Frances and Rainy River and very strongly recommended by the District Deputy Grand Master of Algoma District.

Your Committee have considered the whole situation very carefully and recommend to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master that he accede to the prayer of the Petitioners and cause the dispensation asked for to be issued in due course.

After a number of years of intense activity in the organization of new Masonic Lodges in all parts of the Province, we note with pleasure that during the past Masonic year only one dispensation for a new Lodge has been issued by the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master. For the first time in many years, the slate is clean and no Lodges under dispensation are carried over for another year.

Your Committee desire to congratulate the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the District Deputy Grand Masters on this condition and to express the opinion that except under special circumstances and in opening new territory it would be well to allow the eighty-seven Lodges to whom we have granted Warrants since the 24th of June, 1918, to gather strength both in members and in morale before additional and perhaps competitive Lodges are allowed in their present jurisdictions. Quality in preference to quantity should still be our motto. We have prospered exceedingly under this standard, let us maintain it.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

A. J. YOUNG,
Chairman.

It was moved by the Acting Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. A. J. Young and Resolved: That the Report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON CONSTITUTION AND LAWS

The Report of the Committee on Constitution and Laws was then presented by M.W. Bro. J. H. Burritt as follows:

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Constitution and Laws, beg to report as follows:

1—A matter of some difficulty or disagreement between Alpha Lodge, 384, and Shamrock Lodge, 533, as to the application for initiation of Mr. A. L. McNally, the version of Alpha Lodge, through its Secretary, has been sent to the Grand Secretary to be placed before the Board to be dealt with.

Inasmuch as it is necessary to have the matter properly dealt with, the Board recommends that the Grand Secretary request Shamrock Lodge to send to him its version of the matter, and when obtained, he hand both versions to the Chairman of the Committee of Grievances and Appeals for its report at the next meeting of Grand Lodge: and in order that Shamrock will know what it has to meet, that the Grand Secretary send Shamrock Lodge a copy of the letter dated the 14th June, 1924, of the Secretary of Alpha Lodge, written to and received by R.W. Bro. C. G. Anderson, D.D.G.M. of Toronto D. District.

2—A question of some importance has been sent to the Grand Secretary for advice, which has been placed in the hands of this Committee for reply, through the Board of General Purposes. It is thought prudent, at the present time, to give no reply, but the Board recommends that the following be adopted as a rule of procedure governing this and any similar cases. In the event of circumstances arising between meetings of Grand Lodge, necessitating the change by any Lodge on the Grand Register of Grand Lodge, of its place of

meeting, so that the usual procedure of Grand Lodge in regard thereto on the report of the Board of General Purposes cannot be complied with, that in such emergency the M.W., the Grand Master be, and he is hereby empowered to give such permission as to him may appear advisable, and which shall be effective until the next meeting of Grand Lodge.

Fraternally Submitted,

JAS. H. BURRITT,

Chairman

It was moved by the Acting Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M.W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and Resolved: That the Report of the Board on Constitution and Laws be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

The Report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, in the absence of the Chairman of the Committee, M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, was presented by the Grand Secretary, and, on motion of the Acting Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, was received, adopted and ordered to be printed as an Appendix to the Proceedings of Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON PRINTING AND SUPPLIES

The Report of the Committee on Printing and Supplies was presented by R.W. Bro. R. F. Richardson, as follows:

The Committee on Printing and Supplies, through the Board of General Purposes, beg to report as follows:—

Your Committee is pleased to report that the contract made last year with the Robt. Duncan Co., of Hamilton, has proved absolutely satisfactory, the work being done expeditiously and in a satisfactory manner.

Your Committee also wish to compliment the Maccoomb Press, of Toronto, who handled the preliminary printing for the years 1923-1924 on the splendid service given. Notwithstanding that all the printing given them is "rush work," some of the reports not being available until the last moment, the work was all done at the specified time.

Analysis of Printing Account for 1923-1924.

Preliminary reports, Grand Lodge, 1923.....	\$	164.91
Ceremonies.....		263.15
Letter Books.....	\$	12.00
Ledgers.....		54.86
Binding Returns.....		77.14
Cheque Books.....		52.25
Registers.....		19.33
Certificates.....		728.81
	—\$	944.39
Stationery, Grand Master, etc.....	\$	113.86
Stationery and Supplies, G. Sec'y.....		121.77
	\$	235.63
Christmas Cards.....		38.50
Forms, Pledges, etc.....	\$	121.77
Circulars.....		80.83
	\$	202.60
Constitutions.....		3,218.84
Special Printing.....		2,161.85
Proceedings.....		2,514.92
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		\$9,744.79

Fraternally submitted,

R. F. RICHARDSON,
Chairman.

It was moved by the Acting Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. R. F. Richardson and Resolved: That the Report of the Board on Printing and Supplies be received and adopted.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HOME, HOSPITAL AND SCHOOL

The Report of the Special Committee re-appointed at the last Annual Communication, was presented by R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel as follows.

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee, in the interim report, presented at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, outlined the two forms of questionnaires which were sent to the Constituent Lodges, asking information on the Aged and Indigent Masons or Dependents and Orphan Children, who could be provided for in a Masonic Home, Hospital or School. The following is a summary of the questionnaires as received.

Number of Lodges.....	527
Not reported.....	40
Children needing assistance.....	234
Suitable environment.....	223
Not suitable environment.....	11
Willing to go to school.....	38
Dependants needing assistance.....	294
Suitable environment.....	245
Not suitable environment.....	49
Willing to go to a home.....	20
Willing to go to a hospital.....	32

As the committee was authorized to report on the necessity of a Masonic Home, Hospital or School, and also as to the extension of our present system of benevolence, we would recommend as follows:—

1.—That we do not consider it advisable or practicable to the present to entertain the proposal to build a hospital, home or school.

2.—That our present system of benevolence should be extended and inasmuch as any extension must of necessity entail a greater outlay, that it be definitely established that the chief financial responsibility for the care of our dependants must rest on the Constituent Lodges, and that grants from Grand Lodge depending on its financial resources from time to time should be considered as supplementary except where the financial position of the Lodge will not provide for such assistance, and that the Constituent Lodges should so regulate their expenditures, their fees and their dues, as to establish and maintain a fund to meet this definite responsibility.

3.—That we should revise and extend our present system of Benevolence as follows:—

(a) That we should make suitable and definite arrangements with such Institutions in different parts of the Province, as will adequately provide where necessary for Hospital or Aged cases.

(b) That provision should be made to assist in the education and maintenance of the orphans, as the information obtained from the questionnaires indicates that there are a large number who are

not receiving satisfactory educational advantages, and that this assistance should not be financial only, but in many instances of personal direction or supervision.

4.—That there should be more co-operation between the benevolent work of the Constituent Lodges, and that of Grand Lodge, in order that our benevolent grants may be more equitably distributed, and also that there may be more direct personal interest in the welfare of our dependants and orphans.

5.—That we should have a permanent Secretary of our Benevolent Committee who would devote his whole time to supervising the Benevolent Grants assist in the direction of the education of the orphans and endeavor to secure a greater co-operation from the Constituent Lodges.

6.—That the Board of General Purposes in appointing the Benevolent Committee should so far as possible give representation to the different sections of the Province in order that these representatives may materially assist in co-ordinating the benevolent work of Grand Lodge and that of the local Constituent Lodges.

7.—That the rules respecting benevolent grants should be thoroughly revised, so that adequate provision may be made for the carrying out of the recommendations herein submitted.

8.—That a Special Committee be appointed to revise and consolidate the present rules of benevolence as outlined in Clause 7 of the report, and further that Clause 5 of the report re the appointment of a Secretary be also referred to this committee for such action as may be deemed necessary.

Fraternally submitted,

R. B. DARGAVEL,
Chairman.

On motion of the Acting Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, the Report of the Board on Home, Hospital and School was received and adopted.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Pursuant to the adoption of the foregoing report, the M.W. the Grand Master appointed the following Special Committee, to report at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, R.W. Bros. R. B. Dargavel (chairman), J. A. Rowland, Thos. Rowe, Geo. Moore and W. M. Logan, with power to add to their numbers.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON BENEVOLENCE

The Report of the Committee on Benevolence was presented by R.W. Bro. Thomas Rowe, as follows:

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Benevolence, begs leave to report as follows:—

Since the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence, with the approval of the M.W., the Grand Master, and the President of the Board of General Purposes, has made interim grants to 58 applicants, amounting to \$4,955.00 from the General Fund and \$1,700.00 from the unexpended interest of the Semi-Centennial Fund.

704 applications were received and disposed of as follows:—

347 Granted through Local Boards, amount.....	\$ 52,460.00
348 Granted through Lodges, amount.....	52,260.00
8 Applications were declined.	
Special Grants authorized by Grand Lodge:—	
Miss Mary Wilson.....	\$500.00
Miss M. H. Harris.....	75.00
Miss Simpson.....	200.00
	<u>\$ 775.00</u>
Total amounts of grants from the General Fund.....	\$105,495.00
Total amounts of interim grants from General Fund....	4,955.00
Additional grants from the interest of the Semi-Centennial Fund.....	1,540.00
Grants recommended from the interest of the Semi-Centennial Fund at this Annual Communication..	3,560.00
	<u>\$115,550.00</u>
Total.....	\$115,550.00
Less an approximate 7½ per cent. through reduction by inspection and deaths.....	8,662.00
	<u>8,662.00</u>
Making a net total.....	\$106,888.00

The grants made by Lodges during the year as shown by the reports of the D.D.G.M.'s amount to about \$60,000.00.

This report shows a slight increase over last year in both the number of applications and amount granted.

Your Committee regrets to report that 48 Lodges have neglected to comply with Section 4A of the rules

respecting Benevolence, and are subject to the penalties imposed in Section 2 and 160 of the Constitution; viz.:— That no Lodge which has not complied with Section 4A shall be permitted to vote at any session thereof until such return shall have been completed.

We also point out that the Returns of the Local Board of Relief of the Lodges in the City of Guelph have not reached us at the time of preparing this Report.

The Lodges so disqualified have been reported to the Credential Committee.

We would respectfully call the attention of the D.D.G.M.'s to Section 9 of Rules Respecting Grants of Benevolence in the Constitution of 1922 Revision, Page 117, and ask that upon their official visits they impress upon their Officers and Brethren that the care of Brethren or their dependents in need of assistance properly belong to the Constituent Lodge and that the grants from Grand Lodge are only intended to assist in supplementing their efforts in ministering comfort to the distressed.

The cautionary paragraph in the report of this Committee last year, we desire to repeat in part, viz.:—

That a note of warning should be sounded, and adequate steps taken by Grand Lodge to cause greater care in selection of petitions for initiations or affiliation not only with respect to the financial position, but physical and mental conditions before admitting to membership those who clearly may become a charge upon the benevolence of the Constituent Lodges and Grand Lodge.

That the subscription to the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada be continued.

That the report of the Inspector of Benevolent Grants be printed as an appendix to this Report.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. ROWE,
Chairman.

It was moved by the Acting Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. Thos. Rowe, and Resolved: That the Report of the Board on Benevolence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BENEVOLENCE

W. J. Drope, Esq.,
Grand Master.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:—

I herewith present my report as Inspector of Benevolent grants for the year 1923.

There were 677 cases considered by the Committee, 400 were for widows, 140 for brethren, 38 for orphans, 11 for wives, 4 for mothers and 4 for sisters. There were 77 more applications this year than in 1922.

One widow received a grant of \$30.00, 4 for \$40.00 each, 11 for \$50.00 each, 15 for \$60.00 each, 23 for \$80.00 each, 180 for \$100.00 each, 103 for \$150.00 each, 64 for \$200.00 each, 44 for \$250.00 each, 20 were rejected, 3 died, 3 got married and in 9 cases no applications were made owing to the neglect of the officers of the lodges. One brother received \$40.00, 2 brethren received \$50.00 each, 2 for \$60.00 each, 12 for \$100.00 each, 10 for \$150.00 each, 16 for \$200.00 each, 23 for \$250.00 each, 20 for \$300.00 each, 20 for \$400.00 each, 11 were rejected, 5 died and in 7 needy cases no applications were made.

One orphan received \$30.00, 1 for \$40.00, 1 for \$50.00, 1 for \$60.00, 16 for \$100.00 each, 10 for \$150.00 each, 3 for \$200.00 each, 3 for \$250.00 each, 1 for \$300.00 and 1 was rejected.

Three wives received \$100.00 each, 1 wife, \$150.00, 3 wives, \$200.00 each, 2 for \$250.00 each, 1, no application, and 1 was rejected.

One sister received \$60.00, 1 for \$80.00, and 2 for \$100.00 each.

Two mothers received \$100.00 each, and 2 for \$150.00 each.

In addition to the above, grants were made from the revenue of the Semi-Centennial fund as follows:—

One widow received \$20.00, 18 received \$40.00 each, and 25 received \$50.00 each. Two brethren received \$40.00 each, 11 for \$50.00 each, 3 for \$100.00 each and 1 for \$150.00. Two orphans received \$50.00 each, 2 wives received \$40.00 each, 1 sister \$40.00, and 1 mother \$40.00.

The applications include 145 who are over 70 years of age, 62 are between 70 and 75, 41 between 76 and 80, 32 between 81 and 85, 9 between 86 and 90, and 4 are over 90, one being 98 years of age.

In no less than 17 cases no grants were made owing to the indifference of Worshipful Masters and Secretaries of Lodges, who failed to apply for them and refused or neglected to answer letters of enquiry when sent to them. In each of these cases grants were made in 1922 and presumably the parties were just as much in need in 1923 as they had been in the previous year.

The disbursement of upwards of \$100,000.00 has again demonstrated the good work done by your Committee on Benevolence. To realize just what it means, however, one has to come in close contact with the work itself. The relief as the result of the financial assistance afforded is only one of the benefits resulting from our work. Our people who need assistance feel that they have not been forgotten. They are able to realize that they are part of a great organization that will never forsake them while their need exists. This sentiment seems to inspire a confidence that enables them to overcome difficulties that appear to be unsurmountable or to bear with fortitude the trouble with which they have to contend although at times it seems to be unbearable.

I desire to express my thanks to the brethren for the uniform kindness and courtesy that has been extended to me.

Yours fraternally,

J. B. NIXON,
Inspector of Benevolent Grants.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

The Report of the Committee on Audit and Finance was presented by R.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, as follows:

Your Committee on Audit and Finance through the Board of General Purposes, beg leave to report that they have examined the books of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary. We have also audited the Annual Statement for the year ending May 31st, 1924, and find it correct. It is certified by the Auditor of Grand Lodge. The books are in good condition and are excellently kept.

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Receipts for Year Ehding May 31st, 1924

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1923.....	\$15,995.30	
Less Outstanding Cheques.....	2,111.67	
		\$13,883.63
Dues and Fees from Lodges.....		124,268.50
Interest on Investments.....		16,464.33
Interest on Bank Deposits.....		702.16
Debentures Matured.....		4,045.16
		\$159,363.78

Expenditure for Year Ending May 31st, 1924

General Charges.....	\$37,225.29	
Benevolent Orders.....	97,550.00	
Japanese Relief.....	1,000.00	
Debentures Purchased.....	5,307.38	
		\$141,082.67
Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31st 1924.....	\$19,910.89	
Less Outstanding Cheques.....	1,629.78	
		18,281.11
		\$159,363.78

SEMI-CENTENNIAL ACCOUNT

Receipts for Year Ending May 31st, 1924

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1923.....	\$2,916.79	
Less Outstanding Cheques.....	2,535.00	
		\$ 381.79
Received from Lodges.....		35.00
Interest on Investments.....		5,338.36
Interest on Bank Deposits.....		56.49
Debentures Matured.....		7,706.51
Benevolence Cheque Cancelled.....		80.00
		\$ 13,598.15

Disbursements for Year Ending May 31st, 1924

Benevolence Orders.....	\$ 4,725.00	
Bonds Purchased.....	7,692.37	
		\$ 12,417.37
Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1924.....	\$ 1,755.78	
Less Outstanding Cheques.....	575.00	
		\$ 1,180.78
		<u>\$ 13,598.15</u>

ASSETS

GENERAL ACCOUNT

At Credit of Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31st 1924.....	\$19,910.89	
Less Outstanding Cheques.....	1,629.78	
		\$18,281.11
Investments as per Schedule, Face Value	\$301,979.68	
		<u>\$320,260.79</u>

SEMI-CENTENNIAL ACCOUNT

At Credit of Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1924.....	\$ 1,755.78	
Less Outstanding Cheques.....	575.00	
		\$ 1,180.78
Investments as per Schedule, Face Value ..	103,456.95	
		<u>\$104,637.73</u>
		\$424,898.52
Increase over 1923.....	\$ 5,702.91	
Made up as follows:—		
Investments.....	506.44	
General Account.....	4,397.48	
Semi-Centennial Account.....	798.99	
		<u>\$ 5,702.91</u>

Detailed statements of both accounts will be found in the reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary.

Guarantee bonds for the Grand Secretary, the Assistant to the Grand Secretary, and also Miss Place, for \$5,000.00 each, issued by the Fidelity Insurance Company of Canada, have been inspected by the Committee. The bonds are in the custody of the Grand Treasurer. We recommend that the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master be authorized to renew the same, at the expiry thereof.

The Committee has deemed it necessary, in view of considerably reduced activity in the number of additions to the membership and its effect on the finances, to slightly reduce the estimates of the Committee on Benevolence. The Constituent Lodges are urged to

be more liberal in their grants to their needy brethren, so that they may not suffer from this action. Our brethren and their dependents, who are in need, must be taken care of, and, unless the Constituent Lodges exercise greater liberality, it may be necessary to consider the advisability of further increasing the per capita tax, in the near future.

ESTIMATES

RECEIPTS

Fees—Registration of Initiations.....	\$ 18,000.00
Fees—Registrations of Applications.....	800.00
Dues.....	98,000.00
Constitutions and Ceremonies.....	3,200.00
Certificates.....	100.00
Dispensations.....	1,000.00
Commutation of Dues.....	5,000.00
Warrants.....	40.00
Miscellaneous.....	1,000.00
Musical Ritual.....	150.00
Interest on Investments—Semi-Centennial Fund.....	5,100.00
Interest from Investments—General Fund.....	17,000.00
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	\$149,390.00

EXPENDITURE

Salary, Grand Secretary.....	\$ 6,000.00
Salary, Grand Treasurer's Clerk.....	300.00
Salary, Auditor.....	600.00
Salaries, Office Staff.....	6,800.00
Printing and Stationery.....	7,000.00
Incidental Expenses.....	1,500.00
Certificates and Warrants.....	1,100.00
Insurance.....	140.00
Safety Deposit Box Rental.....	40.00
Rent of Office and Heating.....	1,000.00
Telephone.....	100.00
Postage and Proceedings.....	200.00
Expenses—Grand Lodge.....	3,500.00
Expenses on Commissions.....	150.00
Inspection of Benevolent Grants.....	1,800.00
Stenographer for Chairman of Benevolence.....	150.00
Allowance to Grand Master.....	1,500.00
Stenographer for Grand Master.....	300.00
Postage D.G.M. and Com. on Ben.....	40.00
Masonic Relief Association.....	350.00
Chairman, Fraternal Correspondence.....	250.00
Allowance, Deputy Grand Master.....	250.00
Miscellaneous.....	300.00
Benevolent Grants.....	100,000.00
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	\$133,370.00

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE MOORE,

Chairman.

It was moved by the Acting Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, and Resolved: That the Report of the Board on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY

The Report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry was presented by R.W. Bro. Thomas Shanks, as follows:

Throughout our own jurisdiction during the past year Masonry has pursued the even tenor of its way. It has increased in numbers and in influence, and the accessions to its membership have been made after such careful selection and investigation as will ensure the necessary safeguards for the future reputation and stability of the institution. The representatives of the Grand Master have visited the lodges in their respective districts and there is little discord in the song of praise which they invariably raise when speaking of the receptions, the faultless rendition of the ceremonies, the frequent addresses on Masonic subjects, the cultivation of the social side of Masonry, and the lavishness of the banquets which so frequently bespeak the hospitality of the brethren. The condition of the Craft throughout the various districts is fully reviewed in the District Deputies' reports, and the local problems of the constituent lodges have been studied with an intimate knowledge of the circumstances and with an evident desire to encourage the practice of the Masonic virtues, and thus promote the harmony of the brethren and the good name and reputation of the Order.

Notwithstanding the oft-repeated exhortation to Masters and officers that the proceedings and reports of Grand Lodge and its Committees should be given special attention at lodge meetings during the year, we fear that the instructions in this regard are too often neglected. The members of a lodge who attend the Grand Lodge meetings are no doubt familiar with the trend of Masonic opinion in the jurisdiction, and are conversant with the changes in legislation that have

resulted. But too frequently they assume that these matters are of no interest to the Craft in general. Any one who has noted the inquiries made by intelligent and observant members of the Order must be impressed with the desirability of providing information as to local and world-wide Masonic activities. How many of these inquirers have ever had an opportunity of reading the Grand Lodge proceedings? Our committees labor and bring forth elaborate reports and reviews which should not be reserved for the circumscribed audiences composed exclusively of Grand Lodge membership. The review of Fraternal Correspondence is too rich a storehouse to be locked up from the anxious searchers for Masonic knowledge. It would be well to encourage "Grand Lodge" nights when the Annual Proceedings would be taken as the text book for the evening. The leaders for the meeting need not necessarily be Grand Lodge members, but preferably those who would approach the subject with a fresh enthusiasm and from a new viewpoint. An evening of this kind should be a double enlightenment; it should furnish information to those who have not been fortunate enough to attend Grand Lodge, and it should present new angles of vision that would undoubtedly assist the lodge representatives to approach the problems of the Craft in a more judicial way than might otherwise be the case.

A criticism sometimes offered in connection with the conduct of our social gatherings as members of the Order is that they lack the dignity and decorum that might be expected from men whose principal purpose as Masons is to inculcate high ideals and whose impressive ceremonies always command the respect of those whose privilege it is to witness them. It cannot be expected, or even desired, that we should always assume the serious mien and aspect of those who deal only with the sadness and dullness of life, but it is seemly that we should preserve a degree of dignity and seriousness compatible with the elevating principles of the Craft. If the criticism is offered it can be applicable only in rare cases, but even these rare cases where objectionable and unseemly acts are introduced deserve the strongest condemnation of all well wishers of the fraternity. If our social meetings cannot have the healthy atmosphere of a high moral purpose, and if it is neces-

sary to introduce questionable features in song, or speech, or story, it would be better to disassociate such meetings from any connection with Masonry. It is a matter of pride to Ontario Masons that the Craft in this jurisdiction is remarkably free from occasions that bring the Order into discredit and disrepute, but the cases in which our ceremonies are marred by thoughtless and inappropriate frivolities, or our social gatherings are made a vehicle for the unclean or offensive, should be visited by immediate censure from all right-minded members of the Craft and by adequate discipline from the proper authorities.

Throughout the Masonic world there has been a considerable decrease during the past year or two in the members joining our ranks. This is not mentioned in a spirit of apprehension, but merely as a passing comment on the condition of the order universally. The large increase in membership immediately following the world war was no doubt due to the easy flow of money and the desire for fraternity which was the natural reaction from the conflict and hate of the European horror. But business depression and social unrest followed, and the abnormal increase has changed to a steady and more uniform accession. There is no cause for solicitude in this return to old conditions. The rulers of Masonry throughout the world have warned against the too easy admission of men whose whims or fancies were being temporarily satisfied by curiosity, or by the glamor of large numbers. Masonry does not ignore numerical strength, but it does not measure its power and prestige by the number of its members. It is better to have a few devoted Masons than many indifferent members, and the influence of the institution both on individuals and communities is most strongly exercised when discriminating care is taken in admitting only those whose idea of service is not measured by the narrowing confines of their own material advancement.

Anyone who reads the reports of other Grand Lodges must be struck with the change that has come over the relationship or attitude of the Craft in some jurisdictions, towards controversial questions of public policy. Perhaps it would not be stating the case too

strongly to say that in some jurisdictions Masonry is inclined to abandon the definite prohibition of the ancient charges that it has no concern with political or religious questions. Our doors have been opened to a varied membership of all shades of opinion, and it is not surprising if occasionally our purposes are judged and our public status is determined by the utterances of some of our members who represent pre-eminently some special line of action or trend of thought. It was recognized by the founders of speculative Masonry that one of the great needs of this old world was the spirit of brotherhood, and it was the aim of our fathers to establish a broad base of universal good-will on which to build a system that would attract those who were truly desirous of living at peace with their neighbours whether individual or national. Masonry does not search for the differences about which men quarrel, and which lead to hatred and violence; it cultivates those essential points of agreement which bring men together on a common platform of mutual amity and helpfulness. The introduction of political or religious controversy into the atmosphere of Masonry is contrary to the traditional landmarks of the Craft and is a sure harbinger of discord and dissension. Let us rather choose those things upon which we can unite than those which breed division and disagreement.

Perhaps no better pronouncement has been made in recent years in reference to the attitude of Masonry towards practical politics than that of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States at the annual meeting held in New York in September, 1923. The committee to which the matter was referred submitted the following report which was adopted by unanimous vote:

“We have given the matter careful consideration and are of the opinion in view of the many efforts now being made to involve Freemasonry in controversies, both of a religious and a political nature, that the time has come when this Supreme Council should declare its position as a guide to its representatives and the Subordinate Bodies of its jurisdiction. We, therefore, recom-

mend the adoption of the following statement of principles.

This Supreme Council affirms its unswerving loyalty to the fundamental purposes and principles of Freemasonry.

It understands that purpose to be the improvement and strengthening of the character of the individual man, and through the individual of the community.

It believes that this purpose is to be attained by laying a broad basis of principle upon which men of every race, country, sect and opinion may unite, rather than by setting up a restricted platform upon which only those of certain races and opinions can assemble.

Believing that good and wise men can be trusted to act well and wisely, it considers it the duty of the Fraternity to impress upon its members the principles of personal righteousness and personal responsibility, to enlighten them as to those things which make for human welfare, and to inspire them with that feeling of charity, or well-wishing, toward all mankind which will move them to translate principle and conviction into action.

To that end it teaches and stands for the worship of God, for truth and justice, liberty and enlightenment, fraternity and philanthropy.

It believes in principles rather than programmes. Principles unite men; programmes divide them. Men may agree on principles without agreeing upon their particular application to some specific problem.

Nothing can be more important than the preservation of the essential and permanent sympathy and unity of purpose of those who are unable to agree as to the wisest action under special and temporary conditions.

It is of the essence of Freemasonry that this unity be preserved.

Believing this, this Supreme Council affirms its continued adherence to that ancient and approved rule of Freemasonry in America which forbids the discussion

within tyled doors of creeds, politics or other topics apt to excite personal animosities.

It further affirms its conviction that it is not only contrary to the fundamental principles of Freemasonry but exceedingly dangerous to its unity, strength, usefulness and welfare for Masonic bodies in their official capacity to take formal action or attempt to exercise pressure or influence for or against any particular legislative project or proposal, or in any way to attempt to influence magistrates and officials whether or not members of the Fraternity in the performance of their official duties."

Another very remarkable trend of the modern development of social relationship which affects Masonry in a degree that causes alarm with some and a fond hope with others, is the tendency to elaborate or encourage the growth of concordant or auxiliary societies that depend largely for their influence and wholly for their membership on Craftsmen or their kin. By some this tendency is regarded as a disparagement to the reputation of the Order because to them it seems to proclaim aloud that Masonry is not fulfilling all its functions and that it must depend on the aid and inspiration of sister societies, gifted with more vision and greater courage, and to whom the torch of progress has been handed because the Masonic Order has failed in imagination, in practical idealism, and in leadership. By others this change is welcomed as an opportunity for greater service. To them it does not point to a lack of faith in Masonic aims and purposes but rather to the logical development of Masonic teaching. They claim that the complexities of modern life have given rise to greater demands for organizations dealing with special problems and directing their energies along specific lines of endeavour. One such movement may emphasize the benevolent side of fellowship, another the social, another the fraternal, and another the festive, while some may cater to the varying ages and conditions of both sexes. These organizations have had their greatest development in the United States, to a lesser degree in Canada, and to a negligible extent in Australasia and the British Isles. Students of current tendencies in Masonic ideals are divided as to the value and effect of these

numerous societies that have a direct or indirect connection with Masonic membership, and your committee feels that it would be unwise to formulate opinions on the subject. It merely notes the development as one of the significant features of the condition of Masonry throughout the world at the present time.

The desire for publicity or what has been called "the struggle for the front page" is not encouraged by Masonic custom or etiquette. And in these days when the blare of trumpets is so often necessary in order to attract attention it is well to preserve this unique characteristic of this organization. And yet there is a danger that Masonry in its humble devotion to the idea of inculcating its initiates with the general principles of moral truth and virtue does not give sufficient attention to the question of organization along lines of practical benevolence and brotherly service. Our activities may be too wide-spread and general; they may become weak by diffusion and instead of exhibiting the concentrated energy of the living stream which flows within well-defined channels, they may lie dormant like the stagnant pool or the shallow marsh, whose power is not only atrophied through disuse, but is actually converted into the poisonous miasma bred by inaction. If we do not rub up against the rough edges of life, if our characters are not refined through affliction, and sacrifice, and well-doing, they are in danger of becoming covered by the rust of idleness. Masonry is a field in which this general truth is well exemplified. It offers opportunities for practical, beneficent work, but we often prefer the easier road which leads to the debating house of precept where the impelling urge of a living, working, suffering humanity is chloroformed by the monotonous repetition of rule and axiom, and prohibition, and where the best purposes of active and progressive benevolence are deadened by a timid caution devoid of either fortitude or charity.

There is a present-day tendency to belittle the benefits that flow from the sacrifices of the past and from the establishment of institutions founded on the lessons of wisdom and experience. The convulsive changes of the last decade have shaken the citadels of the old organizations to their foundations, and new align-

ments and adjustments are taking the place of time-honored theories and traditional tenets. Masonry is not free from the suggestion of change, and in many quarters there is the anxiety of the agitator to lay a new foundation and to build a new superstructure more in accord with the ideals and methods of the present day. Of course no claim can be made that Masonry is an institution devoid of defects, and where these can be remedied without applying the destructive methods of the revolutionary no good reason can be advanced for withholding the hand of reformation. But ruthlessness is not reformation and reckless disregard of the past gives no promise of future usefulness and stability. It is better to build on what we have than to root up the old foundations that were strengthened rather than weakened by the storms and buffetings of the ages. Before we can sweep away the systems that have served the needs and ministered to the demands of so many generations we must be sure that their purposes are mischievous, their activities unwholesome, and their results harmful. The advances that humanity has made have been secured by long and patient endeavour and not by precipitate and ill-considered action. There is so large a field for the Masonic organization that those who do not see eye to eye with it would find their efforts more advantageously employed in the building up and promoting of some other system that would be more representative of their ideas and more subservient to their wishes.

Faternally submitted,

THOMAS SHANKS,

Chairman.

It was moved by the Acting Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. Thos. Shanks and Resolved: That the Report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

The Report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals was presented by R.W. Bro. Alex. Cowan, as follows:

I beg to present the report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals.

(1) **Canada Lodge, No. 532, Toronto Vs. J. C. Little**

The facts of this case are set out in the 1923 proceedings at page 356. Bro. Little is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft. He has not appeared. The Committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(2) **St. John's Lodge, No. 75, Toronto, Vs. P. W. McCaffrey**

This case also came up last year and the facts are reported at page 356 of the 1923 proceedings. Bro. McCaffrey is now under suspension and was notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft. He has not appeared. The Committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(3) **Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Pt. Arthur, Vs. J. W. Armstrong.**

The facts of this case set out in the 1923 proceedings at page 356. Bro. Armstrong is now under suspension and pursuant to the directions given at the last meeting of Grand Lodge he was summoned to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft. He has not appeared. The Committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(4) **Occident Lodge, No. 346, Toronto, Vs. W. H. Lowe.**

This case also came up last year and the facts are reported at page 356 of the 1923 proceedings. Bro. Lowe is now under suspension and was notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft. He has not appeared. The Committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(5) **Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, London, Vs. E. A. McMullen.**

This case also came up last year and the facts are reported at page 356 of the 1923 proceedings. Bro. McMullen is now under suspension and was notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft. He has not appeared. The Committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(6) **King Solomon's Lodge, No. 43, Woodstock, Vs. R. A. Scott.**

The facts of this case are set out in the 1923 proceedings at pages 356 and 357. Bro. Scott is now under suspension and pursuant to the direction given at the last meeting of Grand Lodge he was summoned to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft. He has not appeared. The Committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(7) **Bancroft Lodge, No. 482, Bancroft, Vs. Thornton Prosser.**

This case also came up last year and the facts are reported at page 357 of the 1923 proceedings. Bro. Prosser is now under sus-

pension and was notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft. He has not appeared. The Committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(8) St. John's Lodge, No. 81, Mt. Brydges, Vs. J. R. Waters.

This Bro. was tried by his Lodge on January 18th of this year on a charge of unmasonic conduct involving a violation of section 19, rule 1, and was found guilty, suspended and recommended for expulsion. The Committee concur in the finding of the Lodge and recommend that he be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and in the meantime his suspension be continued.

(9) Enterprise Lodge, No. 516, Beachburg, Vs. Wm. T. Fisher

James Bennie, Earle Beaupre and A. Gerald.

This matter came before Grand Lodge in 1922 and is reported at page 316 of the proceedings of that year. It again came before Grand Lodge last year as reported at page 355 of the 1923 proceedings.

These brethren have evidently restored themselves in the confidence of the brethren of their lodge, and the public generally where the offence was committed.

The Committee, therefore, recommend that their suspension be removed.

(10) St. John's Lodge, No. 40, Hamilton, Vs. H. E. Collins

This Brother was tried by his Lodge in May last on a charge of unmasonic conduct involving a violation of section 19, rule 1, and was found guilty, suspended and recommended for expulsion. The Committee concur in the finding of the Lodge and recommend that he be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled, and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

(11) St. George's Lodge, No. 243, St. George, Vs. Ed. Kitchen.

This is also a charge of unmasonic conduct involving a violation of section 19, rule 1. A commission was apparently appointed by the Grand Master to investigate the charge but what further powers were given the commission does not appear from the material before the committee.

It is, however, apparent that the brother has not been regularly tried by either a commission or the lodge and it is referred back to St. George's Lodge for such action as they deem necessary under all the circumstances.

(12) St. John's Lodge, No. 20, London, Vs. George W. Griffen.

This brother is charged with obtaining the sum of \$30. in sums of \$10. on three different occasions from the San Diego Masonic

Board of Relief and \$50 from the United States National Bank under false pretences. He was also convicted for an offence under the Mann Act and imprisoned in the San Diego County Jail for the term of six months. He was subsequently placed on trial by his Lodge found guilty, suspended and recommended for expulsion. The Committee recommend that the suspension be continued and that he be notified to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled.

(13) Markham Union Lodge, No. 87, Markham.

This is an application to be relieved from the payment of \$40. for violation of section 204 by advancing two candidates within the prescribed time of four weeks. The candidates in question were passed at the meeting of the Lodge on November 30th, 1923, and raised on December 27th, 1923, both being regular meetings of the Lodge.

The Worshipful Master admits that he knew the Lodge was violating the constitution and that the degrees were conferred, after consultation with five or six Past Masters, as a convenience to one of the brethren who resides in another Town some considerable distance away.

Upon these facts and in view of the numerous decisions of Grand Lodge upon the question, the Committee have no alternative but to recommend that the application be disallowed.

(14) St. Alban's Lodge, No. 514, Toronto, Vs. Alexander L. Milne.

This brother was convicted of theft from His Majesty while in the employment of the Government of Canada and sentenced to six years in the Kingston Penitentiary in February of this year.

He was subsequently placed on trial by his Lodge, found guilty, suspended and recommended for expulsion. The Committee recommend his suspension be continued and that he be notified to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled.

(15) Frederick Lodge, No. 217, Delhi.

This is also an application to be relieved from payment of the usual \$20.00 to legalize the advancement of a candidate within the prescribed time. The candidate in question was balloted for on 17th March, 1924, was initiated on the 28th March, 1924 and received his 2nd degree on the 18th of April of this year at a special meeting called for the purpose. The W.M. claims it was merely a mistake, and he has probably had in mind the date of the ballot for the candidate, rather than the date of initiation when he conferred the 2nd degree upon him. The fee has been paid by the lodge and the Committee have no power under the constitution to order its return.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEX. COWAN,
Chairman.

It was moved by the Acting Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. Alex. Cowan, and Resolved: That the Report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

In the absence of the Chairman of the Committee on the Fraternal Dead, R.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington, the report of the Committee was presented by R.W. Bro. W. G. Blackwell, as follows:—

At the close of another year in the history of our Grand Lodge we are again painfully reminded that "Death rides in triumph," and will not stay his course for any man. Since our last report the final summons has been answered by more than a score of our brethren of Grand Lodge rank who, in former years, took an active part in our proceedings. Our records also shew that the ranks of our subordinate lodges have, during the same period, sustained very heavy losses.

While we may sorely miss these loved ones who have gone from us yet we cannot afford to sit and fold our hands in idle sorrow. Their work must be carried on and we can best shew our appreciation of their worth by taking up the burdens that they have laid down. We regret that some extended reference cannot be made to each of these departed brethren but certain limitations must be observed. In selecting the following for special comment we do presume to discriminate upon the merits of those who have passed beyond. We have chosen only those of higher rank concerning whose lives we were able to secure reliable information.

M.E. Bro. Henry Robertson, K.C.

After a long and useful life, M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson passed away on the 19th of September last in his 84th year. In his death our Grand Lodge lost one of its most devoted and illustrious supporters. He was a cultured gentleman of a kindly disposition who lost no opportunity for doing good to others. He was broad minded and alert and it was a marvel to his friends how he

managed to devote his time, means and energy to so many worthy objects at the same time. When any proposition was brought to his attention, he never viewed it from a narrow or partisan standpoint, but asked himself the one question will it prove a benefit to any considerable number? And if he felt it would and that the plan was practicable his hearty support could always be relied upon. That support was not limited to his approval and endorsement of the matter under consideration and the leaving it to others to perform the work necessary to accomplish the desired object. It meant his hearty cooperation and willingness to assume his full share of the burden and as he was a man of determination it usually meant success. Of such a character was the man whom this Grand Lodge did itself the honor to elect as its chief executive officer in 1886 and no Grand Master ever took a more intelligent and dignified view of the duties of that high office than he and none ever discharged those duties more satisfactorily. He has left to the craft a rich legacy in that excellent work which is recognized as a standard authority in all Masonic jurisdictions his "Digest of Masonic Jurisprudence."

A brief perusal of its pages will furnish a truer picture of his splendid attributes than any eulogy from the pen of another; for in it we see the unmistakable evidences of the well-rounded scholar, the experienced lawyer and the true and kind hearted Mason.

The loss of such a man means much to the Craft. The older members of this grand body who, for many years, have been in close touch with the proceedings of Grand Lodge can bear testimony to his never failing courtesy and shrewd diplomacy in finding a happy solution of many of the vexed problems that have been brought to the attention of the Grand East during the past forty years.

For over sixty years he practised his profession in the town of Collingwood, and his reputation, as a thorough and painstaking lawyer, was recognized throughout the province. His name has been associated with many leading cases but perhaps his greatest professional service was upon the Royal Commission for the revision of the Statutes of Ontario, a most difficult task that could be

entrusted to very few. It was also no small compliment to his ability as a lawyer to be chosen as the Canadian editor of "Cyc", an international encyclopaedia of law.

His death was most deeply felt in the community where he lived as he took the keenest interest in everything that tended to promote the public welfare. His genial disposition had endeared him to all classes and the many feeling tributes paid to his memory were the honest expression of the affection and esteem in which he was held by his fellow citizens.

R.W. Bro. L. H. Dickson

The tragic death of His Honour Judge Dickson at the Court House in Goderich on the 17th of December last, came as a great shock, not only to the citizens of his home town but to his many friends and admirers throughout the province and especially those of the legal profession. He was in his 63rd year with apparently many years of usefulness before him and without any previous warning, while engaged in his judicial duties at his Chambers, the silver cord was loosed and his spirit returned unto God who gave it.

He graduated from Osgoode Hall in 1885 and was a successful practitioner in Exeter until his elevation to the Bench in 1916. Those same sterling qualities, which won for him the reputation of being an able lawyer and a safe and wise counsellor, stood him in good stead upon the Bench. His administration of the law was marked with a keen sense of the great responsibility attached to the duties of his high office and his judgments were always tempered with prudence and justice. In his court the accused could always rely upon a fair hearing and the wrongdoer upon the full degree of mercy to which he was entitled. While he was never unduly moved towards leniency through a material disinclination to cause suffering to others yet, when occasion called for it, he could be severe. He, however, never lost sight of the importance of endeavoring to rescue the first offender from a life of crime, and with him the suspended sentence was frequently and successfully resorted to in making would-be criminals useful members of society.

He was a member of Lebanon Forest Lodge, No. 133, and was a P.D.D.G.M. of Huron District No. 4. He will

long be remembered as an upright judge and a most approachable and useful citizen.

R.W. Bro. J. J. Foster

Dr. J. J. Foster for the thirty-five years prior to his death practised his profession of dentistry at Listowel. During this period he had become identified with every progressive movement in the town and was looked upon as one of its foremost citizens. He had served the town upon the Council Board, the Board of Education and the Hospital Board and was also a trustee of Knox Church. While he was ready to perform any public duty assigned to him he did not thrust himself forward; but his intelligent grasp of the requirements of the various organizations, with which he was associated, was recognized by his fellow citizens who marked him for preferment.

He joined Bernard Lodge No. 225 at Listowel in 1889 and entered so enthusiastically into the work that he was chosen Master in 1893. His pleasing manner and uprightness of character won for him an enviable popularity. He was elected District Deputy Grand Master of North Huron District No. 5 in 1908 which gave him an opportunity to widen his circle of acquaintances and extend his good work among the craft. His death, which occurred quite suddenly, on the 16th of April, 1923 was most deeply regretted. He will be especially missed in Masonic circles where his exemplary life has been an inspiration to all the brethren whose privilege it was to know him.

R.W. Bro. John Hoodless

In a lodge that has produced some of the finest types of Masons to be found anywhere, R. W. Bro. Hoodless is entitled to a place in the foremost rank. He appeared to have fully understood all of the precepts contained in the Ancient Charges and to have successfully exemplified them in his daily life. He was initiated in Barton Lodge No. 6 of Hamilton in 1880, was elected D.D.G.M. in 1891 and for over thirty years has been a regular attendant at Grand Lodge. Few Masons were so favorably known throughout the province as he. He loved the Craft for the opportunities it afforded him to mingle with his brethren

and share their joys and sorrows. In business circles, on the Board of Education, in the Church or the Lodge room he always displayed that same genial and generous disposition which endeared him to all who knew him. He was in great demand at all Masonic functions where his eloquence and keen sense of humor never failed to entertain the brethren. Masonry in Ontario and particularly in Hamilton has sustained a great loss through his death.

R.W. Bro. R. A. Hutchison

For over half a century R.W. Bro. Robert Andrew Hutchison was an active member of Strict Observance Lodge of Hamilton and at the time of his death was its oldest Past Master. During this period the circle of his Masonic friends was ever widening until he became one of the best known and most popular members of the Craft in his native city. In 1903 he was elected District Deputy Grand Master. Being himself a veteran of 1866 he was a past president of the Veteran's Society and took a deep interest in all military organizations. For the past fifteen years he was connected with The Steel Company of Canada, Limited. The name of his mother lodge, "Strict Observance" appeared to appeal to him with great force for in his Masonic work, in business and in his social relations he never swerved from the path of duty but strictly observed the straightforward and undeviating course of conduct laid down for the guidance of all Masons.

R.W. Bro. David John

R.W. Bro. John was born in London, England, and at an early age displayed a liking for mineralogy which culminated in his choosing and qualifying himself for the profession of assayer.

In 1889 he was sent to Canada to secure and open a mining property in the Sudbury district. Although at the time only nineteen years of age he displayed great proficiency in his profession and what was more important still he acquired the well merited reputation for frankness and honesty, two sterling qualities in any calling but especially desirable in the one to which he belonged. In 1907 he opened an office in Haileybury where he practised

his profession until he was stricken down in last December with an illness to which he succumbed on the 20th of March.

As a citizen he was generous, kind-hearted and public spirited, always ready to lend a helping hand to any worthy cause. He was the type of man who makes his influence for good felt in a Masonic Lodge. He was initiated in Haileybury Lodge in 1908 and threw himself so vigorously into the work that he was promoted to the East in 1913 and was chosen District Deputy Grand Master of the District in 1918. His strong personality and exemplary life made him a great favorite throughout the District. His death was sincerely mourned by all who knew him.

R.W. Bro. John W. Anderson

R.W. Bro. Anderson was initiated in Faithful Brethren Lodge No. 77, Lindsay in August, 1897 and died on March 15th, 1924. During these twenty-seven years he did all within his power to promote the interest of the Craft in the district and particularly in his native town. He was a good all round man and no matter where you sought him, socially, in business, in educational matters, in municipal affairs, in the church or in the realm of sport, he was always the same active, progressive citizen who felt that he was an integral part of the community with a duty to perform and he cheerfully performed it. By his readiness to co-operate in everything for the advancement of the interests of the town he was esteemed as one of Lindsay's foremost citizens and his death was a distinct loss to the town.

R.W. Bro. Andrew P. Johnston

"Andy Johnston" as he was familiarly called in his home town of Walkerton and in Masonic circles died after a lingering and painful illness on January 4th, 1923. His was a kindly disposition that sought and cherished the good-will of everyone he met with the result that he could reckon among his friends practically every man, woman and child of his native town. Two years prior to his death he was afflicted by a malignant disease which the best medical skill available was unable to overcome.

With heroic fortitude he endured the suffering incident to the malady until death came to his relief. He was initiated in Saugeen Lodge No. 197 in 1898 and always took the deepest interest in its welfare. For several years he was a member of the town council and twice filled the Mayor's chair. When the new Bruce District No. 24 was created in 1916 he had the honor of being elected its first District Deputy.

R.W. Bro. G. H. Lanigan

R. W. Bro. G. H. Lanigan of Hamilton joined Doric Lodge No. 382 in February, 1880. He and a number of his friends realizing that there was room for another lodge in Hamilton in 1905 applied for a charter and through their instrumentality Dundurn Lodge No. 475 was brought into being. He was the first secretary of the new lodge and continued to fill that position until his death which occurred on the 23rd day of January last. Bro. Lanigan took his Masonic duties seriously and put into practice the useful lessons inculcated in the lodge room. In 1916 he was chosen District Deputy Grand Master of Hamilton District No. 8 and proved to be a most efficient officer.

R.W. Bro. James Noble

R. W. Bro. James Noble was born in Morganshire, Scotland, in 1848 and came to Canada in 1873 and settled in the village of Jarvis. Bro. Noble was a firm believer in the doctrine that what was worth doing at all was worth doing well. He was initiated in King Solomon's Lodge No. 327 in 1885. He passed through the several chairs to the East and no Master of a lodge was more exacting than he in strict adherence to the ritual. He was elected D.D.G.M. of Niagara District No. 10 in 1893 and during his term of office he did much towards raising the standard of the work in the district. His criticisms and suggestions were kindly received by the Masters under his jurisdiction as they realized that he did not exempt himself from the high standard prescribed for others.

He died on February 5th, 1923, in his 75th year, highly esteemed as an excellent illustration of that fine

type of manhood that has done so much for our country—the hardy Scotchman transplanted on Canadian soil.

R.W. Bro. J. C. Spence

R.W. Bro. J. C. Spence of Doric Lodge, No. 121 Brantford, was the first District Deputy Grand Master of Brant District No. 23. This new district came into being in 1916 and there were many misgivings as to the possibility of developing a spirit of unity among the several lodges making up the new district. A man of less tact and ability might have failed but R. W. Bro. Spence threw himself energetically into the task and in an incredibly short time had succeeded in placing Brant District upon a firm foundation.

His Masonic career extended from May 20th, 1898 when he was initiated in Doric Lodge to his death in May, 1923. During this period he was secretary of his mother lodge for seventeen years and by his kindly manner and exemplary life endeared himself to all his brethren. He was followed to his last resting place in Farrington cemetery by a large concourse of his fellow citizens who availed themselves of the opportunity of showing respect to his memory.

R.W. Bro. James Whitten

R. W. Bro. James Whitten was born in Ireland and migrated to Canada with his parents when only four years of age. The family settled at Kingston and before he had reached his teens he lost both father and mother in the cholera epidemic of the early fifties. Being largely called upon to shift for himself he, at that early age, displayed business tact and resourcefulness which characterized his after life. He spent a number of years in the province of Quebec where he was admitted to the craft in Yamaska Lodge, No. 21. In 1882 he came to Bracebridge as manager of the tannery business of that town and filled that position until 1894 when he engaged in the hardware business. From this beginning was formed, in 1908 The Whitten Co., Ltd. About ten years ago he suffered a paralytic stroke which interfered with his taking an active part in the management of the company he had created but the impetus he had given it was

not lost upon his successors with the result that the enterprise has continued to be one of the most successful in the town. The same tact and skill displayed in the management of his private affairs were placed at the disposal of his fellow citizens. The town council, the church, the public library and every movement for the advancement of the interest of the town received his active support. In the Masonic lodge he also found ample scope for doing good. In 1885 he affiliated with Muskoka Lodge and without passing through the usual preliminary steps was elected Senior Warden in the following year. This office he held for two years when he was promoted to the East which position he filled most satisfactorily for a similar period. In 1906 he was chosen D.D.G.M. of the Muskoka District and proved a most efficient representative of the Grand Master. For ten years he was a patient sufferer from his affliction and passed to his rest on May 4th, 1924. The funeral was under the direction of the Masons and as a mark of esteem all places of business in the town were closed during the ceremony.

R.W. Bro. John D. Leitch

Wellington Lodge No. 271 lost one of its most faithful members through the death of R.W. Bro. John D. Leitch. For twenty-five years he was the C.P.R. Agent at Erin and in this capacity was brought more or less in contact with all the residents of the town. While he was always courteous and obliging towards the public he was also faithful to the trust reposed in him by his employers. Although his duties left him few hours of leisure, yet he found time to devote a goodly portion of those few to the service of his fellow citizens. The public library and the church found in him an able support, but he will be best remembered in Masonic circles. For forty years he was an active member and regular attendant of his mother lodge and it was only in the month of December last that he accepted honorary membership from his brethren. Three years ago he was elected District Deputy Grand Master of Grey District and his report to Grand Lodge bears ample proof of the intelligent and efficient manner in which he discharged his duties. He died quite suddenly at the age of seventy on the 13th of June last while visiting his daughter in Montreal.

R.W. Bro. W. T. Wilkins, B.A., D.D.

R.W. Bro. W. T. Wilkins was the type of man who made Masonry honored and respected by those outside of our ranks; for the very fact that he belonged to the order and was proud to be numbered among its members was a sufficient guarantee, if any were necessary, that the craft was built upon a sure and safe foundation. His very calling, a clergyman, of the Presbyterian Church, would command respect, but, when we further consider his ripe scholarship and accumulated experience of four score years, we are prepared to bow to his judgment. That judgment led him to take the deepest interest in the Craft and for over forty years he was the devoted friend and benefactor of Trent Lodge No. 38.

Fortunate is the lodge that has the support of such a brother, whose very presence, must prove an inspiration to the members and encourage them to endeavor to find in Masonry that which proved such an attraction to him. He ranked high in his sacred calling and when he expressed his opinion upon any vexed problem relating to the history, law or procedure of his church few, if any, ever had the temerity to question it. While he never imperiled his position as a pastor by engaging in a political controversy yet his conceptions of true citizenship were of the highest order and his influence in the community was always elevating. The town of Trenton had no better friend nor more illustrious citizen than R. W. Bro. Wilkins and the many feeling tributes paid to his memory were a true expression of the warm place he had in the affections of those who knew him best. The memory of a life so fruitful, pure and noble is a rich legacy of which Trent Lodge may well be proud.

R.W. Bro. Robert McConkey

R.W. Bro. Robert McConkey, a leading citizen and the postmaster of Kearney, a Past Master of Algonquin Lodge, Emsdale, and P.D.D.G.M. of Muskoka District No. 19, passed peacefully away to the better life on April 24th. He had been in poor health for two years. R.W. Bro. McConkey was one of the pillars of Masonry in this District. He resided here for forty years. He was a man of noble character, with a lovable disposition,

and won respect and esteem from every one with whom he came in contact. Kearney suffers an irreparable loss and Masonry will long feel the silence of his voice of counsel, and the geniality of his attractive personality.

R.W. Bro. William McKellar

R.W. Bro. William McKellar, who passed away on April 30th, 1924, was one of the most widely known and distinguished Masons in Ontario, having attained the unique honor of being a Past Grand Registrar of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, a Past Grand Registrar of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and a Past Grand Registrar of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada. He was an ideal Mason and had the love and respect of all who knew him. His Masonic life and fidelity to duty were ever a true inspiration to his brethren and fellows, and his passing is regretted by all who knew him.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

W. S. HERRINGTON,
Chairman.

It was moved by the Acting Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. W. G. Blackwell, and Resolved: That the Report of the Board on the Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

CALLED OFF

Grand Lodge was called from labor at five o'clock, p.m., to meet on Thursday, July 17th, 1924, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

CALLED ON SECOND DAY

Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, July 17th, 1924 at ten o'clock, a.m., the Grand Master on the Throne.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The Report of the Committee on Credentials was presented by R.W. Bro. J. B. Way, as follows:—

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report as follows:—

There are on the register of Grand Lodge 538 warranted lodges, of which number 4 have been granted their warrants at this communication.

Represented at this communication:—

By regular officers.....	359
By Proxies.....	77
By Past Masters.....	36
Total number represented.....	472
Total number registered.....	1,890
Having a total vote of	2,502

The lodge Secretary in many cases neglects to report the full list of Past Masters, when sending in his returns, with a consequent delay and annoyance to the Credentials Committee in the work of registration. Your Committee would suggest that this feature be taken up vigorously with the offending lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

J. B. WAY,
Chairman.

It was moved by the Acting Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. J. B. Way, and Resolved: That the Report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WILSON DISTRICT

The report of a Special Committee, appointed by the Grand Master to consider the request of Oriental Lodge No. 181, and Vienna Lodge, No. 237, to be returned from St. Thomas District to Wilson District, was presented by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone. The Committee reported that it had heard the opinions of all those interested and recommended that the request be granted and that these two lodges be taken from St. Thomas District and assigned to Wilson District.

It was moved by the Acting Deputy Grand Master seconded by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and Resolved; That the report and recommendation of the Special Committee be received and adopted.

REPROT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

The Report of the Committee on the Grand Master's address was presented by M.W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, as follows:

The Address of the M.W. the Grand Master is most admirable in the useful, eloquent and interesting material which it contains.

It shows deep and progressive thought with respect to Masonry, its ideals and prospects in the future and the duty of the individual Mason during his lifetime with respect thereto.

Time has not allowed the Committee to take up the Address paragraph by paragraph, and we would therefore advise every Mason in the jurisdiction to read it with all care and attention.

Fraternally submitted,

JAS. H. BURRITT,
Chairman

It was moved by the Acting Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M.W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and Resolved: That the Report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address be received and adopted.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

The following brethren, having been duly nominated by the Past Masters, and representatives of lodges in their respective districts, were duly confirmed in office by the M.W. the Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. A. M. Taylor.....	Dryden
" John P. Temple.....	Brantford
" F. W. Walker.....	Tara
" C. E. Clements.....	Chatham
" T. W. Munro.....	Maxville
" Wm. C. Crozier.....	Kingston
" R. D. Keefe.....	Penetanguishene
" Samuel Patterson.....	Shelburne
" F. S. Martin.....	Hamilton
" John Forth.....	Hamilton
" Birnie Smith.....	London
" J. J. Wilson.....	Burk's Falls
" C. S. Bravin.....	Welland
" R. C. Dobie.....	Thessalon
" H. J. Jobb.....	Wingham
" W. F. Rickard.....	Newcastle

“	E. J. McCleery.....	Ottawa
“	H. R. H. Kenner.....	Peterborough
“	W. W. Fitzgerald.....	Wellington
“	W. A. Graham.....	Inwood
“	Chas. Aberhart.....	Seaforth
“	Wm. T. Ferguson.....	Smith's Falls
“	Jos. F. Burke.....	Port Stanley
“	T. E. Armstrong.....	Cobalt
“	Chas. S. Hall.....	Toronto
“	Jas. M. Malcolm.....	Toronto
“	John G. McDonald.....	Aurora
“	L. E. Lane.....	Toronto
“	C. W. Burgoyne.....	Fenelon Falls
“	C. R. Penfold.....	Guelph
“	Max MacPherson.....	Delhi
“	F. B. Geddes.....	Essex

The newly appointed District Deputy Grand Masters were then formally installed and invested by the M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The scrutineers of the ballot were sworn in by M.W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, and the election of officers was proceeded with.

R.W. Bro. G. L. Lloyd, Chairman of the Committee of Scrutineers, presented the following report of the brethren elected to the various offices and to the Board of General Purposes and also of the place selected for the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. J. Drope, Grimsby.
 Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. J. A. Rowland, Toronto.
 Grand Senior Warden, R.W. Bro. A. J. Murray, Toronto
 Grand Junior Warden, R.W. Bro. N. P. Walsh, London.
 Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Rev. J. H. Kidd, Cannington.
 Grand Treasurer, M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, Toronto.
 Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, Hamilton.
 Grand Registrar, R.W. Bro. R. L. Shriner, Thorold.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

R.W. Bro. Thos. Rowe, London
 R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, Toronto
 R.W. Bro. J. S. Martin, Port Dover.
 R.W. Bro. A. J. Young, North Bay.
 R.W. Bro. F. A. Copus, Stratford.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

The City of Hamilton.

OFFICERS INSTALLED AND INVESTED

M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone installed and invested the Officers Elect, who were duly proclaimed and saluted.

APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The M.W. the Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following as members of the Board of General Purposes for the term of two years:

R.W. Bro. J. McC. Potts, Stirling
 R.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington, Napanee.
 R.W. Bro. C. E. Kelly, Hamilton
 V.W. Bro. Jno. Pearson, Toronto
 R.W. Bro. G. H. Ryerson, Brantford.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

The M.W. the Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following brethren as officers of the Grand Lodge:

Grand Senior Deacon, V.W. Bro. Robt. K. Anderson, Milton.
 Grand Junior Deacon, V.W. Bro. Wm. J. Armstrong, Toronto.
 Grand Supt. of Works, V.W. Bro. David R. Gibson, Hamilton.
 Grand Director of Ceremonies, V.W. Bro. Wm. J. J. Butler, Toronto.
 Asst. Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. Gerald M. Malone, Toronto.
 Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies, V.W. Bro. Wm. J. Smith, London.
 Grand Sword Bearer, V.W. Bro. Thos. J. Stenhouse, Cobourg.
 Grand Organist, V.W. Bro. Alfred H. Baker, Hamilton.
 Asst. Grand Organist, V.W. Bro. John E. Bilger, Kitchener.
 Grand Pursuivant, V.W. Bro. William E. Robson, Toronto.

Grand Stewards

V.W. Bro. Ernest H. Barnes, Sault Ste. Marie.
 " Chas. J. Bellamy, Flesherton
 " Frank H. Clark, Fonthill.
 " Wm. J. Cressey, Sudbury
 " Nesbitt E. Irvine, Windsor
 " Fred. S. Livingston, Toronto
 " Norman C. McWhirter, Norwich.
 " John F. Miller, Hamilton
 " John T. Price, Englehart
 " J. C. Reeve, Toronto
 " Fraser D. Reid, Cobalt
 " Wm. L. Rigg, Deloro
 " Gilbert F. Saunders, Cargill.
 " Leslie A. Smith, Hagersville
 " Daniel M. Winter, Thamesville
 " O. P. Becker, Williamsburg.
 " John T. Chittick, Stoney Creek.

- " Hugh Crawford, Toronto
 " Wm. Gillespie, Brussels
 " Wm. G. Irwin, Stratford
 " Jas. McDonald, Mooretown
 " Fred. Marr, Barrie.
 " C. L. Pearce, Emsdale
 " Rich. A. Purvis, Sunderland
 " Alex. Reid, Arnprior
 " W. F. Reynolds, Brockville
 " Jas. H. Robinson, Keewatin
 " Robt. W. Smart, Port Hope
 " John W. Thompson, Napanee.
 " W. V. MacDonald, St. Thomas.
Grand Standard Bearers
 V.W. Bro. Alex. Shields, Espanola
 " Wm. H. Inglis, Brantford.
Grand Tyler.
 V.W. Bro. Thos. W. Epps, Hamilton.

LONG SERVICE MEDAL

It was moved by R. W. Bro. R. C. Blagrave, seconded by W. M. Bro. W. D. McPherson and Resolved:

That a Silver Medal, appropriately inscribed, be presented by this Grand Lodge to each Past Master in good standing of a lodge on the Register of this Grand Lodge, who has attained his fiftieth anniversary as a Ruler in the Craft.

VOTES OF THANKS

It was moved by R.W. Bro. R. C. Blagrave, seconded by M.W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and Resolved: That Grand Lodge wishes to record its high appreciation of the delightful services rendered by the Masonic Choir on the occasion of the opening of Grand Lodge, and also on the excursion last evening.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. R. F. Richardson, seconded by R.W. Bro. R. C. Blagrave, and Resolved: That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to the Credentials and Scrutineers Committees for the faithful discharge of their arduous duties.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. R. C. Blagrave, seconded by R.W. Bro. E. W. E. Saunders, and Resolved: That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be returned to the Board of Education for providing for the use of Grand Lodge

one of their schools for meetings on Wednesday evening, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Toronto Board of Education.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, seconded by R.W. Bro. R. C. Blagrave, and Resolved: That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered the Mayor of Toronto, the Chief of Police and the Chief of the Fire Department for continuous attention and service, giving pleasure, safety and comfort to the officers and members of Grand Lodge.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, seconded by R.W. Bro. Thos. Shanks and Resolved: That the thanks of Grand Lodge be extended to the Reception Committees, composed of the Toronto brethren and the ladies, for the magnificent arrangements made by them for the comfort and convenience of Grand Lodge during its Sixty-Ninth Annual Communication.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The Grand Chaplain having invoked the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U. upon the members of this Grand Lodge during the coming recess, Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form at one o'clock, p.m.



W. C. Logan

Grand Secretary.



RETURNS OF LODGES AS

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Lodges marked (a) hold their Installation of Officers on or near the Festival

The names of the W. M. and Secretary

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
2	aNiagara.....	Niagara.....	W. H. Singer.....	A. J. Wood.....
3	aAnct. St. John's.....	Kingston.....	W. J. Gibson.....	A. W. Cathcart.....
5	aSussex.....	Brockville.....	Geo. E. Board.....	Thos. H. Guest.....
6	Barton.....	Hamilton.....	J. W. Hamilton.....	W. H. F. Whateley.....
7	aUnion.....	Grimsby.....	John E. Scott.....	L. A. Bromley.....
9	aNapanee.....	Napanee.....	W. J. Wiggins.....	J. C. Fennell.....
10	aNorfolk.....	Simcoe.....	Julian S. Boyd.....	L. F. Aiken.....
11	aMoir.....	Belleville.....	H. J. Hall.....	Geo. Dulmage.....
14	aTrue Britons.....	Perth.....	Peter O. McLaren.....	F. V. Buffam.....
15	St. George's.....	St. Catharines.....	Ellis Coates.....	A. N. Lindsay.....
16	aSt. Andrew's.....	Toronto.....	Geo. A. E. Gilbert.....	Wm. Lawrence.....
17	St. John's.....	Cobourg.....	H. S. Denton.....	M. A. Hewson.....
18	aPrince Edward.....	Pictou.....	E. E. Vanskiver.....	R. H. Hubbs.....
20	aSt. John's.....	London.....	John Chapman.....	Rich. Booth.....
21a	aSt. John's.....	Vankleek Hill.....	G. A. McIntyre.....	Wm. R. Hall.....
22	aKing Solomon's.....	Toronto.....	W. H. Hoare.....	Chas. T. Hoare.....
23	Richmond.....	Richmond Hill.....	Albert E. Glass.....	E. A. Dickinson.....
24	aSt. Francis.....	Smith's Falls.....	Wilfrid Hunter.....	G. W. Fluker.....
25	aIonic.....	Toronto.....	W. K. Pearce.....	Rev. C. A. Seager.....
26	aOntario.....	Port Hope.....	L. T. Sylvester.....	F. H. Batty.....
27	aStrict Observance.....	Hamilton.....	G. W. Wible.....	H. W. Linton.....
28	aMount Zion.....	Kemptville.....	Wm. A. McCleneghan.....	S. H. Guest.....
29	aUnited.....	Brighton.....	H. C. Rundle.....	B. C. H. Becker.....
30	aComposite.....	Whitby.....	F. W. Jones.....	J. W. Bateman.....
31	aJerusalem.....	Bowmanville.....	Alex. Elliot.....	T. Annisson.....
32	aAmity.....	Dunnville.....	P. L. Lymburner.....	S. W. Lymburner.....
33	aMaitland.....	Goderich.....	J. J. McEwen.....	R. J. Megaw.....
34	aThistle.....	Amherstburg.....	W. E. Steubing.....	Wm. H. Eccles.....
35	St. John's.....	Cayuga.....	F. S. Kent.....	H. J. Hoshal.....
37	aKing Hiram.....	Ingersoll.....	R. W. Green.....	R. T. Agar.....
38	aTrent.....	Trenton.....	John F. Hendricks.....	W. J. Potts.....
39	aMount Zion.....	Brooklin.....	O. H. Downey.....	John S. Pringle.....
40	aSt. John's.....	Hamilton.....	J. H. Beveridge.....	B. L. Simpson.....
41	aSt. George's.....	Kingsville.....	Austin B. Smith.....	W. G. Long.....
42	aSt. George's.....	London.....	Wm. R. Lutz.....	Thos. Dickson.....
43	King Solomon's.....	Woodstock.....	W. J. Reynolds.....	A. W. Massie.....
44	aSt. Thomas.....	St. Thomas.....	C. S. Gilbert.....	F. W. Judd.....
45	Brant.....	Brantford.....	John LeDrew.....	Geo. Whitwill.....
46	aWellington.....	Chatham.....	H. J. Stevenson.....	J. A. MacGregor.....
47	aGreat Western.....	Windsor.....	A. M. Wright.....	John Fry.....
48	aMadoc.....	Madoc.....	John Bailey.....	A. S. Cochrane.....
50	aConsecon.....	Consecon.....	J. D. McKean.....	H. J. Chase.....
52	Dalhousie.....	Ottawa.....	Chas. Olmstead.....	H. W. Jackson.....
54	aVaughan.....	Maple.....	T. J. L. Hadwin.....	J. T. Pollock.....
55	aMerrickville.....	Merrickville.....	Merrill Smith.....	M. G. Corbett.....
56	aVictoria.....	Sarnia.....	Fred. Kogler.....	H. W. Unsworth.....
57	aHarmony.....	Binbrook.....	Alvin Hilgartner.....	James D. Rose.....
58	aDoric.....	Ottawa.....	H. R. Cram.....	J. A. Ross.....
61	aAcacia.....	Hamilton.....	J. A. Robinson.....	C. E. Kelly.....
62	aSt. Andrew's.....	Caledonia.....	Thos. Aldridge.....	Thos. J. Hicks.....
63	aSt. John's.....	Carleton Place.....	A. McFadden.....	D. H. McIntosh.....
64	aKilwinning.....	London.....	Geo. F. Copeland.....	W. Lancaster.....
65	aRehoboam.....	Toronto.....	Geo. W. Slack.....	Geo. H. Mitchell.....
66	aDurham.....	Newcastle.....	James Welsh.....	J. W. Bradley.....
68	aSt. John's.....	Ingersoll.....	Rev. M. E. Sexsmith.....	P. L. Smith.....
69	Stirling.....	Stirling.....	W. H. Heath.....	C. F. Linn.....
72	Alma.....	Galt.....	C. R. Mudge.....	A. J. Oliver.....
73	aSt. James.....	St. Mary's.....	J. N. Robinson.....	N. L. Brandon.....
74	aSt. James.....	S. Augusta.....	Roy Greer.....	F. L. Bissell.....

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of St. John the Evangelist, all others on or near that of St. John the Baptist.

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No. of Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Resigned	Dead	Suspend. N.P.D.	Suspend. U.M.C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members
2	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	14	10	10		7	2	1				166
3	1st Thursday	9	9	14	2	6	2	1				389
5	3rd Monday	23	25	26	9	1	9	5				400
6	2nd Wednesday	11	10	10	5	1	1	7				547
7	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	9	8	10	4	5	3					242
9	Frid. on or bef. F.M.	5	9	10	8	1	4				1	257
10	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	5	9	10	2	1	2				2	183
11	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	18	19	22	4	3	6	10			1	418
14	1st Monday	10	10	11	4		4					180
15	2nd Tuesday	13	21	20	2	1	4					290
16	2nd Tuesday	21	31	29	2	5	5	9			2	692
17	2nd Tuesday	10	12	8		3	7					272
18	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	7	7	7	1	3	4				2	275
20	2nd Tuesday	20	18	18	2	3	6				1	502
21	aTues. on or bef. F.M.	6	7	7		1	1				1	111
22	2nd Thursday	16	18	16	1	6	7	5			3	492
23	3rd Wednesday	6	6	3		1						117
24	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	10	10	11	1							226
25	1st Wednesday	6	7	9	3	3	1					369
26	3rd Friday	7	4	2	3	5	3	5				188
27	3rd Friday	20	19	18	4	5	12					520
28	Friday bef. F.M.	3	6	8	1	1	2					103
29	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	9	12	9		3	1					201
30	1st Tuesday	4	7	7	3	1	1	2				144
31	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	5	4	3		2	3	15			2	198
32	Wed. on or after F.M.	7	5	8	2	2	2					208
33	2nd Tuesday	17	18	14		3	2	7				236
34	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	8	4	5	1	1	3				1	179
35	Thurs. on or after F.M.	5	6	3	2	3	2					111
37	1st Friday	9	11	9	4	2	2					199
38	2nd Tuesday	16	16	13		10	7	1			1	250
39	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	8	7	5		5	1					91
40	3rd Thursday	15	16	19	4	8	7				5	677
41	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	6	7	3	2	3	1	4			1	237
42	1st Thursday	13	15	13	3	4	5	7			3	356
43	1st Tuesday	20	15	18	10	2	3	6				416
44	1st Thursday	21	19	18	2	3	5				2	515
45	2nd Tuesday	22	13	13	5	6	5	4			3	465
46	1st Monday	14	17	10	3	5	7	8				358
47	1st Thursday	49	46	43		9	13	12			1	1074
48	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	6	9	10	3	1	1	5				161
50	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	2		2	1	1	2	2				86
52	1st Tuesday	18	12	12	2	10	13	2				527
54	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	5	3	2		1	1					78
55	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	1			3	3	2					120
56	1st Tuesday	12	33	40	1	4	3	3			1	371
57	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	7	6	5	2		2					158
58	1st Friday	19	20	20	1	7	8					393
61	2nd Friday	28	39	39	6	3	7	12				810
62	Thursday on or bef. F.M.	7	6	4	1							130
63	2nd Friday	6	6	7		4	3	2			1	236
64	3rd Friday	18	24	27	2	2	6	4			2	419
65	1st Thursday	37	39	39	2	3	7	5			2	647
66	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	12	8	7	2		1					82
68	3rd Friday	4	5	5	1	3	1	8				168
69	Thurs. on or aft. F.M.	8	7	7	1	1	2	8			2	138
72	Last Tuesday	9	11	15	1	4		4				249
73	1st Monday	6	5	6	1	2	3				1	158
74	Mon. nearest F.M.	2	2	3		1	1	1			3	78

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
75	St. John's.....	Toronto.....	Geo. H. Heath.....	O. S. Randall.....
76	aOxford.....	Woodstock.....	Geo. E. Otton.....	J. W. Dutton.....
77	aFaithful Brethren.....	Lindsay.....	Alfred Johnston.....	C. L. Davidson.....
78	aKing Hiram.....	Tilsonburg.....	T. W. R. Taylor.....	H. McQueen.....
79	aSimcoe.....	Bradford.....	Chas. C. Willson.....	F. Kilkenny.....
81	aSt. John's.....	Mount Brydges.....	A. M. McNeill.....	S. W. Hyatt.....
82	St. John's.....	Paris.....	H. Lester.....	John R. Newton.....
83	aBeaver.....	Strathroy.....	W. A. Campbell.....	R. F. Richardson.....
84	Clinton.....	Clinton.....	C. H. Venner.....	H. B. Chant.....
85	aRising Sun.....	Athens.....	H. C. Pritchard.....	A. W. Parish.....
86	aWilson.....	Toronto.....	W. M. Bowman.....	W. L. Lawer.....
87	Markham Union.....	Markham.....	J. T. Glendennin.....	J. S. Bell.....
88	St. George's.....	Owen Sound.....	J. C. Tennant.....	John M. Campbell.....
90	aManito.....	Collingwood.....	M. C. Rowe.....	W. T. Herrington.....
91	aColborne.....	Colborne.....	J. F. Wolfram.....	John T. Gordon.....
92	aCatawaqui.....	Kingston.....	Thos. Mercer.....	H. A. Graham.....
93	aNorthern Light.....	Kincardine.....	John D. McKenzie.....	M. J. McPherson.....
94	aSt. Mark's.....	Port Stanley.....	John Brumpton.....	H. G. Goodhue.....
96	aCorinthian.....	Barrie.....	F. C. Lower.....	A. H. Felt.....
97	aSharon.....	Queensville.....	D. J. Benton.....	J. B. Aylward.....
98	True Blue.....	Bolton.....	C. B. Wilson.....	Geo. Lockwood.....
99	Tuscan.....	Newmarket.....	W. J. Patterson.....	A. Winn.....
100	Valley.....	Dundas.....	C. F. Newton.....	F. A. Latshaw.....
101	aCorinthian.....	Peterborough.....	W. M. Lamb.....	R. F. Downey.....
103	aMaple Leaf.....	St. Catharines.....	Samuel Parks.....	H. J. Johnston.....
104	St. John's.....	Norwich.....	T. J. Lancaster.....	E. W. Moles.....
105	aSt. Mark's.....	Niagara Falls.....	Fred. Miller.....	H. F. Garner.....
106	aBurford.....	Burford.....	F. F. Baldson.....	Geo. Armstrong.....
107	St. Paul's.....	Lambeth.....	M. E. Hooper.....	H. Poole.....
108	Blenheim.....	Princeton.....	Jos. Harmer.....	T. J. Rawlinson.....
109	aAlbion.....	Harrowsmith.....	Fred. Watson.....	C. A. Copp.....
110	aCentral.....	Prescott.....	E. A. Baynham.....	C. H. Ranson.....
113	aWilson.....	Waterford.....	L. B. Reynolds.....	D. A. Hill.....
114	aHope.....	Port Hope.....	A. E. Fulford.....	Thos. H. Bell.....
115	aIvy.....	Beamsville.....	L. L. Lindner.....	W. D. Fairbrother.....
116	aCassia.....	Thefordville.....	Wm. J. French.....	M. E. Harrington.....
118	Union.....	Schomberg.....	M. A. Brandon.....	Francis Attridge.....
119	aMaple Leaf.....	Bath.....	G. W. Cuppage.....	F. G. Young.....
120	Warren.....	Fingal.....	F. Dowler.....	D. J. Scott.....
121	aDoric.....	Brantford.....	John Hodge.....	T. R. Logan.....
122	aRenfrew.....	Renfrew.....	Hugh Macdonald.....	H. J. Smith.....
123	aBelleville.....	Belleville.....	Isaac Stephenson.....	John McCarthy.....
125	aCornwall.....	Cornwall.....	D. F. McTavish.....	John Ridley.....
126	aGolden Rule.....	Campbellford.....	G. A. Kingston.....	F. C. Bonnycastle.....
127	aFrank.....	Frankford.....	F. A. Windover.....	J. M. Bell.....
128	aPembroke.....	Pembroke.....	A. J. Millar.....	D. W. Blakely.....
129	Rising Sun.....	Aurora.....	F. A. McDonald.....	J. G. McDonald.....
131	aSt. Lawrence.....	Southampton.....	W. A. Poole.....	Fred. Goodier.....
133	aLebanon Forest.....	Exeter.....	Homer Bagshaw.....	R. N. Creech.....
135	aSt. Clair.....	Milton.....	H. A. McLean.....	G. H. Robinson.....
136	Richardson.....	Stouffville.....	K. R. Davis.....	N. M. McLean.....
137	aPythagoras.....	Meaford.....	F. M. Hamley.....	F. H. Finlay.....
139	Lebanon.....	Oshawa.....	Frank Proctor.....	H. A. Saunders.....
140	aMalahide.....	Aylmer.....	F. R. Sealey.....	A. E. Richardson.....
141	aTudor.....	Mitchell.....	D. McKnight.....	A. J. Blowes.....
142	aExcelsior.....	Morrisburg.....	G. H. Challies.....	W. C. Davy.....
143	aFriendly Brothers.....	Iroquois.....	Jas. S. Everett.....	S. W. Wood.....
144	aTecumseh.....	Stratford.....	S. W. Rust.....	F. S. Smith.....
145	aJ. B. Hall.....	Millbrook.....	W. G. Rowland.....	Chas. Thorndyke.....

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75	1st Monday.....	10	10	13		7	8	7				397
76	2nd Monday.....	9	16	14	8	4	4	3				315
77	1st Friday.....	16	12	9	1	4	4				1	341
78	Wed. on or bef. F.M.....	10	13	16	4	2	2					251
79	Mon. on or bef. F.M.....	5	5	5	2	0	0	4				117
81	Tue. on or bef. F.M.....	5	2	12	3	1	1	2			2	117
82	2nd Tuesday.....	14	13	8		5	2	4			1	174
83	Friday bef. F.M.....	5	6	6	5	1	1	1				195
84	Friday on or bef. F.M.....	10	6	5	1	1	1	1			1	114
85	Thur. on or bef. F.M.....	3	7	8	1	1	1					91
86	3rd Tuesday.....	18	18	22	2	2	8	4			3	500
87	Fri. on or bef. F.M.....	6	5	5	1	2	2	1				169
88	Wed. on or bef. F.M.....	10	13	19		2	2	5			1	246
90	2nd Tuesday.....	6	4	4	3	1	4	3			1	272
91	3rd Friday.....	7	7	6	2		1				2	134
92	2nd Friday.....	15	14	11	7	2	4	18			2	449
93	1st Wednesday.....	12	11	10	1	1	5					171
94	2nd Tuesday.....	2	3	2	1	1	4					92
96	1st Thursday.....	24	22	20	8	1	3	6			1	314
97	Tue. on or bef. F.M.....	8	4	4	1	2	2				1	107
98	Friday after F.M.....	1	1			1	2	1			1	67
99	2nd Wednesday.....	12	9	6	2	1	3				1	140
100	2nd Monday.....	12	12	13	2	4	1	3			2	307
101	3rd Friday.....	6	7	8	1	3	1					239
103	Last Thursday.....	14	14	12	3	5	5	4				373
104	Tue. on or aft. F.M.....	7	4	7				1				154
105	2nd Tuesday.....	15	14	12			3	4			2	289
106	Wed. on or bef. F.M.....	12	14	6	7	3	1				1	136
107	Wed. on or bef. F.M.....	2	1	2		2	1	2			2	115
108	Fri. on or aft. F.M.....	4	1	1		1	2	2				104
109	Fri. on or bef. F.M.....	5	4	1	1		2					145
110	1st Tuesday.....	8	8	7	1	4	3				1	167
113	Wed. on or bef. F.M.....	4	5	5		2	3	2				186
114	1st Friday.....	10	7	7	3		1					247
115	Tue. on or bef. F.M.....	6	8	7	2	2	4				1	202
116	Mon. on or bef. F.M.....	6	6	5	1	2	1	1				71
118	Mon. on or bef. F.M.....	4	2	3	1			2			2	71
119	Monday before F.M.....	4	5	4							1	124
120	Tue. on or bef. F.M.....	6	6	5	3	3	2	1				82
121	3rd Friday.....	23	21	15	1	3	1	5				653
122	1st Monday.....	7	7	8	2	3	2				2	173
123	1st Thursday.....	16	19	19	2	4	4				2	348
125	1st Wednesday.....	13	13	12	3	1	1	3				205
126	1st Tuesday.....	12	10	9	3	3	1	2				190
127	Monday before F.M.....	15	18	21	2	5		1			2	173
128	1st Thursday.....	9	12	5	3	4	1	1				229
129	1st Friday.....	9	11	11	1	1	2					162
131	Tue. on or aft. F.M.....	6	5	4		2						116
133	Mon. on or bef. F.M.....	2	2	5	2		1	2				117
135	Thur. on or bef. F.M.....	11	5	5	2	2						147
136	Fri. on or aft. F.M.....	8	8	5	2	1	2	1			1	80
137	1st Tuesday.....	5	8	8	1	1						139
139	2nd Tuesday.....	18	16	14	2	3	1	5			1	257
140	Wed. on or bef. F.M.....	4	5	7		3	3					156
141	Tue. on or bef. F.M.....	9	10	7	3	1		4				139
142	Fri. on or bef. F.M.....	2	2	2		3	2					99
143	Wed. on or bef. F.M.....	10	3	1	3	1	3					135
144	3rd Friday.....	12	12	7	4	9	4	5			1	389
145	Thur. on or bef. F.M.....	2	3	4	1	1						105

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146	aPrince of Wales	Newburgh	Thos. I. Winter	Delbert Sexsmith
147	Mississippi	Almonte	Jos. H. Lodge	S. Bradley
148	aCivil Service	Ottawa	D. B. Nugent	H. W. Lothrop
149	aErie	Port Dover	C. P. Freeman	John C. King
151	aGrand River	Kitchener	R. J. Wright	P. Fisher
153	aBurns	Wyoming	Fergus McEwen	Robt. Hart
154	alrving	Lucan	Kenneth McGown	C. J. Murdy
155	aPeterborough	Peterborough	R. L. Dobbin	D. D. Brown
156	aYork	Toronto	W. C. Norman	W. E. Hofland
157	aSimpson	Newboro'	T. H. Stone	B. F. Bolton
158	aAlexandra	Oil Springs	John H. Penfound	J. W. Sauvey
159	aGoodwood	Richmond	A. L. Tulman	S. B. Gordon
161	aPercy	Warkworth	W. H. Smoker	A. M. Smale
162	Forest	Wrexeter	A. B. Wearing	Thos. Brown
164	aStar of the East	Wellington	G. S. Taylor	E. L. Hubbs
165	aBurlington	Burlington	D. T. Easterbrook	Jas. S. Allen
166	aWentworth	Stoney Creek	J. H. Basley	D. H. Firth
168	aMerritt	Welland	L. R. Brennan	H. E. Dawdy
169	aMacnab	Port Colborne	Wm. A. Hicks	R. Taylor
170	aBritannia	Seafort	A. D. Sutherland	C. A. Aberhart
171	aPrince of Wales	Lawrence Sta	J. C. Patterson	Frank Coutts
172	Ayr	Ayr	Wm. H. Shaw	R. L. Anderson
174	aWalsingham	Port Rowan	J. H. Anderson	J. E. Biddle
177	The Builders	Ottawa	J. E. Dalton	J. J. McGill
178	aPlattsville	Plattsville	Wm. Gracey	John Bristow
180	aSpeed	Guelph	E. J. C. Walker	Bard Whetstone
181	aOriental	Port Burwell	Ross Hutchinson	L. W. Diehl
184	aOld Light	Lucknow	Geo. M. Stuart	R. V. McKenzie
185	aEnniskillen	York	N. P. Elliott	E. S. Bradt
186	aPlantagenet	Riceville	C. J. Ryan	G. A. Ryan
190	Belmont	Belmont	Neil A. C. Ferguson	J. F. Turner
192	aOrillia	Orillia	Jos. Hill	Wm. J. Boyle
193	aScotland	Scotland	P. M. Button	C. W. Stuart
194	aPetrolia	Petrolia	Frank Gaunt	J. R. Steadman
195	aTuscan	London	Thos. C. Benson	B. H. Higgins
196	aMadawaska	Arnprior	R. H. Laughlin	Henry Newham
197	aSaugeen	Walkerton	S. W. Vogan	C. T. Boss
200	St. Alban's	Mount Forest	A. J. Corbett	Geo. F. S. LeWarne
201	aLeeds	Gananoque	H. F. Ward	R. B. Gilbert
203	Irvine	Elora	John A. Burt	R. D. Cardno
205	New Dominion	New Hamburg	G. W. W. Emslie	A. R. G. Smith
207	aLancaster	Lancaster	H. M. Grant	F. T. Nicholson
209	aEvergreen	Lanark	S. H. Gregg	Robt. Wilson
209a	aSt. John's	London	S. J. Martin	Edwin Smith
215	Lake	Ameliasburg	Harold Noxon	Jas. E. Glenn
216	aHarris	Orangeville	Dr. W. J. Price	A. T. Howard
217	aFrederick	Delhi	Rich. Mills	J. S. Harding
218	aStevenson	Toronto	P. H. Jerreat	H. C. H. Corneil
219	aCredit	Georgetown	Hugh Dickie	Geo. Ford
220	Zeredatha	Uxbridge	M. E. Rodman	V. M. Hare
221	aMountain	Thorold	Fred. Pew	W. J. Mable
222	aMarmora	Marmora	Chas. H. Buskard	W. C. Inkster
223	aNcrwood	Norwood	W. M. Fowlds	J. F. Pearce
224	Zurich	Hensall	G. M. Drysdale	A. W. E. Hemphill
225	aBernard	Listowel	Jas. Stewart	J. H. Blackmore
228	aPrince Arthur	Odessa	S. E. Smith	E. S. Parrott
229	alonic	Brampton	R. V. Conover	W. J. Fenton
230	Kerr	Barrie	W. N. Liscumb	W. N. Duff
231	Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa	John R. Binks	Robt. Shaw

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146	Wed. bef. F.M.	5	5	4	2		1					92
147	1st Friday	6	8	12	1	1	4					146
148	2nd Tuesday	9	11	13	4	8	5	1				352
149	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	2	3	4	4	2	2					123
151	2nd Tuesday	12	17	21	8	2	7	1				341
153	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	5	5	5		1	4					126
154	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	3	1						1	111
155	1st Friday	10	5	5	1	5	2	7				322
156	3rd Friday	17	14	15	1		4	1			2	420
157	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	2	3	3	2							86
158	Thurs. on or after F.M.	3	4	5								106
159	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	1	2	2								85
161	Wed before F.M.	8	3	3		1	3	2				94
162	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	5	5	5	1							57
164	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	3	1	3	2	3			1	144
165	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	10	12	13	6	4	3	4			2	213
166	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	18	14	11	2	2	2	3			1	257
168	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	9	7	7	8	1	4	1				225
169	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	8	11	6	1	3	3					174
170	1st Monday	6	5	4		3	1	7				143
171	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	3	1	1					2	55
172	2nd Monday	3	2	2			1					80
174	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	6	6	12				2				117
177	2nd Friday	13	19	15	1	6	1	5				424
178	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	5	5	5		4	1	1			1	66
180	1st Tuesday	22	20	15	4	2	5					311
181	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	4	2			3				68
184	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	6	6	6	1	3	1	4			1	147
185	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	2	8	7			1				2	72
186	Mon. on or bef. F.M.											57
190	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	7	6	5		1						105
192	1st Friday	7	7	8	1	8	5	3				390
193	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	7	4	3		1	3	2			1	128
194	2nd Wednesday	5	5	7		2	1					203
195	1st Monday	13	14	14	3	1	5					277
196	2nd Monday	9	9	4	1	1	2					156
197	2nd Tuesday	15	9	8	1		5				2	141
200	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	7	8	4	1	2						108
201	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	11	10	10	1	5	5	4				262
203	3rd Friday	2	7	6		1	1	5			1	117
205	Mon. after F.M.	1	1		1		1					53
207	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	5	3	3		2					2	124
209	1st Tuesday	3	8	7			2					85
209a	1st Friday	24	25	30	5	4	6	6				602
215	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	7			3	4				93
216	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	12	11	10		5	3	6			2	235
217	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	2	3	4	2		1					84
218	2nd Monday	16	18	16		7	6	9			3	397
219	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	6	6	6		3					2	153
220	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	10	14	12	5	2		3			1	200
221	2nd Thursday	8	6	6		2	2	4			1	260
222	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	2	1		3					114
223	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	2	1	1	1	2	5	1				111
224	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	3		1	1					97
225	Fr. on or bef. F.M.	18	15	18		1	3	5				227
228	Mon. on or after F.M.	7	3	2	1	1		1				111
229	3rd Tuesday	10	9	16	3	2	3	3				239
230	3rd Friday	20	14	12	8	5	3	3				299
231	3rd Tuesday	17	18	24	2	5	3	5			2	424

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
232	aCameron.....	Dutton.....	M. S. Claus.....	J. A. McNeill.....
233	Doric.....	Parkhill.....	W. J. Baker.....	F. T. Zapfe.....
234	aBeaver.....	Clarksburg.....	Victor Armstrong.....	Thos. G. Idle.....
235	Aldworth.....	Paisley.....	S. F. Ballachey.....	H. McKerracher.....
236	aManitoba.....	Cookstown.....	Thos. McMillan.....	T. McKnight.....
237	Vienna.....	Vienna.....	Geo. F. Kulp.....	S. S. Clutton.....
238	Havelock.....	Watford.....	Hiram Moffatt.....	R. Williamson.....
239	Tweed.....	Tweed.....	G. D. C. Morton.....	W. W. Garrett.....
242	aMacoy.....	Mallorytown.....	Chas. Heaslip.....	John Collins.....
243	aSt. George.....	St. George.....	R. E. W. Lawrason.....	W. J. Scott.....
245	aTecumseh.....	Thamesville.....	H. N. Challis.....	Angus Graham.....
247	aAshlar.....	Toronto.....	Chas. S. Hamilton.....	W. H. Lyon.....
249	aCaledonian.....	Midland.....	Wilfrid Smith.....	R. R. Wilson.....
250	Thistle.....	Embro.....	Clarence Campbell.....	D. J. McLeod.....
253	aMinden.....	Kingston.....	R. J. Robinson.....	R. S. Graham.....
254	aClifton.....	Niagara Falls.....	Alex. Reid.....	S. D. Warren.....
255	Sydenham.....	Dresden.....	Clarence Craven.....	John French.....
256	aFarran's Point.....	Aultsville.....	F. E. Dafeo.....	R. H. Hanes.....
257	aGalt.....	Galt.....	Jas. Weepers.....	E. F. Hetherington.....
258	Guelph.....	Guelph.....	Geo. M. Binks.....	F. F. Sweetman.....
259	Springfield.....	Springfield.....	S. B. Simpson.....	M. M. Black.....
260	aWashington.....	Petrolia.....	T. S. Metcalfe.....	H. F. Winter.....
261	aOak Branch.....	Innerkip.....	W. B. Cole.....	J. S. Hislop.....
262	aHarrison.....	Harrison.....	C. L. Eedy.....	H. J. Hucks.....
263	aForest.....	Forest.....	W. G. Lochead.....	R. B. Crosbie.....
264	aChaudiere.....	Ottawa.....	H. D. Dempsey.....	Henry Gates.....
265	Patterson.....	Thornhill.....	S. A. Allsopp.....	J. A. Thompson.....
266	aNorthern Light.....	Stayner.....	Arch. Watson.....	D. G. Bell.....
267	Parthenon.....	Chatham.....	Chas. D. Sulman.....	J. G. Martin.....
268	aVerulam.....	Bobcaygeon.....	Rich. Junkin.....	S. H. Cluxton.....
269	aBrougham Union.....	Claremont.....	Arch. Fleming.....	M. J. Wilker.....
270	aCedar.....	Oshawa.....	C. J. Pirie.....	Thos. Hawkes.....
271	Wellington.....	Erin.....	E. Griner.....	T. C. Foster.....
272	Seymour.....	Ancaster.....	C. E. Anderson.....	W. G. D. Simpson.....
274	aKent.....	Blenheim.....	A. Brundrett.....	John Crookshank.....
276	aTeeswater.....	Teeswater.....	P. O. Pennington.....	G. S. Fowler.....
277	aSeymour.....	Port Dalhousie.....	Thos. E. Lewis.....	Thos. O. Johnston.....
279	aNew Hope.....	Hespeler.....	Robt. Logan.....	Arthur Pullam.....
282	Lorne.....	Glencoe.....	L. H. Diggon.....	C. G. Yorke.....
283	aEureka.....	Belleville.....	H. A. Thompson.....	W. Jeffers Diamond.....
284	St. John's.....	Brussels.....	J. H. White.....	Wm. Gillespie.....
285	Seven Star.....	Alliston.....	N. L. Palmer.....	W. Caesar.....
286	Wingham.....	Wingham.....	Oliver Thompson.....	R. A. Coutts.....
287	aShuniah.....	Port Arthur.....	H. E. Rogers.....	A. P. Freed.....
289	aDoric.....	Lobo.....	N. J. Zavitz.....	P. L. Graham.....
290	aLeamington.....	Leamington.....	Lewis Jeffery.....	D. W. Anderson.....
291	aDufferin.....	W. Flamboro'.....	Wm. E. Morden.....	Wesley Green.....
292	aRobertson.....	King.....	Andrew Crawford.....	Jas. E. Burns.....
294	aMoore.....	Courtright.....	Roy P. Kent.....	C. W. Kent.....
295	aConestogo.....	Drayton.....	Russell Metcalfe.....	Calvert Scarr.....
296	aTemple.....	St. Catharines.....	Robt. Aitkin.....	C. A. Brown.....
297	Preston.....	Preston.....	A. D. Wylie.....	Jos. A. King.....
299	Victoria.....	Centreville.....	John H. Wilson.....	A. M. Bell.....
300	aMount Olivet.....	Thorndale.....	S. G. Pack.....	R. H. Harding.....
302	St. David's.....	St. Thomas.....	Leo N. Lane.....	W. H. Stapleton.....
303	aBlyth.....	Blyth.....	Ernest Sanderson.....	Robt. S. Pate.....
304	aMinerva.....	Stroud.....	Chas. Will.....	I. B. Musselman.....
305	Humber.....	Weston.....	Chas. E. Webster.....	Wm. C. Burrage.....
306	Durham.....	Durham.....	J. A. Rowland.....	E. A. Hay.....

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232	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	5	5	4	1			1				123
233	Tue. on or aft. F.M.	4	7	7			2	1				133
234	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	5	5	3	2							93
235	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	4	5	5	1		1					131
236	Tue. on or aft. F.M.	10	7	6	1	1		3				137
237	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	11	8	5	1							111
238	Tuesday bef. F.M.	5	5	2	2		1	1			1	107
239	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	15	11	9	3	6	1	5			6	170
242	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	1	1	1	1	1	1					132
243	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	4	4	1	1	4			1	94
245	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	7	5	6	1		3	1				118
247	4th Tuesday	18	18	17	1	9	1	5				464
249	Monday bef. F.M.	10	9	8	9	4	2	6			5	288
250	Thur. bef. F.M.	8	6	6								120
253	1st Tuesday	19	18	16		1	3	4				307
254	1st Thursday	22	24	19	1	4		8			2	486
255	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	6	3	1	1	2		2			1	149
256	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	1	1	1	1	2	1					118
257	1st Tuesday	7	8	10	1	4	1	2				279
258	2nd Tuesday	15	20	20			3				1	282
259	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	10	5	3	3	1	1					177
260	1st Wednesday	2	4	4	1	4	4	1			3	202
261	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	2	3	5	1	1	1	1				55
262	2nd Monday	5	4	4	1	1	1	2			1	118
263	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	11	11	9	2	1	2					153
264	4th Tuesday	29	30	23	4	4	6					413
265	3rd Thursday	4	2	2	2	1	3					125
266	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	4	2	4	1				1	73
267	1st Wednesday	19	22	25	4	3	2				1	493
268	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	5	4	4		2	1	7			5	94
269	Wed. on or before F.M.	5	4	5	2		2					101
270	4th Tuesday	23	14	16	1	1	2					241
271	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	1	2	3	1	1	1					109
272	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	7	5	9	3		2					203
274	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	14	9	8	2	5	4				2	191
276	4th Thursday	5	5	6		2	2	2				64
277	2nd Wednesday	9	8	5	5	2	2	5				99
279	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	6	6	7		2	1					128
282	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	4	3	5		2		2				120
283	Wed. after F.M.	16	15	16	1	4	2	3				274
284	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	9	8	7			1	10				121
285	2nd Monday	11	8	10	1	1	1				2	163
286	1st Tuesday	11	10	10			4				1	159
287	1st Tuesday	36	37	35	11	9	4	8			2	465
289	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	6	5	5		1	3	1				123
290	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	16	16	17	7	5	1					281
291	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	7	7	7		1	1	5			3	141
292	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	9	8	8		1						73
294	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	7	5	6	2	2	1	1				89
295	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	4				1				127
296	3rd Wednesday	13	12	17	2	2	3					331
297	3rd Friday	16	16	12	3	2	4					168
299	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	4	3	3			2					76
300	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	1	2	2		1	1	5				92
302	3rd Thurs.	16	19	19	5	1	7				1	470
303	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	5	6	6		2	2					114
304	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	14	8	8	2	1	3					151
305	4th Friday	3	3	4	1	2	2					196
306	2nd Tuesday	14	15	14	1		1					129

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307	aArkona.....	Arkona.....	Jas. A. McIntosh.....	S. C. Catt.....
309	aMorning Star	Carlow.....	Chas. A. Robertson.....	R. D. Munro.....
311	aBlackwood	Woodbridge.....	S. W. Mahew.....	John A. Fraser.....
312	aPnyx	Wallaceburg.....	W. S. Rose.....	J. Barber.....
313	aClementi.....	Lakefield.....	J. C. Smith.....	A. E. Kennedy.....
314	aBlair.....	Palmerston.....	Thos. Leakey.....	H. E. McEwing.....
315	Clifford.....	Clifford.....	E. L. Eckenswiler.....	Wm. Graef.....
316	aDoric.....	Toronto.....	L. M. Wedlock.....	Harry P. Reid.....
318	aWilmot.....	Baden.....	H. C. Schumm.....	W. A. Ruthig.....
319	aHiram.....	Hagersville.....	Wm. H. Lindsay.....	W. C. VanLoon.....
320	aChesterville.....	Chesterville.....	Geo. W. Raeburn.....	Geo. Elliott.....
321	aWalker.....	Acton.....	D. N. McTavish.....	R. M. McDonald.....
322	aNorth Star.....	Owen Sound.....	W. H. Wilson.....	A. A. Parks.....
323	aAlvinston.....	Alvinston.....	Frank Northcott.....	Jas. Holme.....
324	aTemple.....	Hamilton.....	C. G. Stead.....	E. L. Isard.....
325	Orono.....	Orono.....	Thos. Smith.....	Neil Colville.....
326	aZetland.....	Toronto.....	J. A. Scythes.....	H. A. Stephens.....
327	Hammond.....	Wardsville.....	J. H. McIntyre.....	Harry Harvey.....
328	Ionic.....	Napier.....	A. E. Field.....	W. T. Buchanan.....
329	aKing Solomon's.....	Jarvis.....	Wm. F. Newman.....	R. W. Smith.....
330	aCorinthian.....	London.....	Arthur Boland.....	H. J. Childs.....
331	Fordwich.....	Fordwich.....	Geo. H. Jefferson.....	A. C. Hutchison.....
332	Stratford.....	Stratford.....	R. A. Reid.....	E. Denroche.....
333	Prince Arthur.....	Flesherton.....	Geo. Banks.....	F. J. Thurston.....
334	Prince Arthur.....	Arthur.....	F. W. Caldwell.....	J. A. Hardman.....
336	aHighgate.....	Highgate.....	Wm. D. McKellar.....	J. F. Manders.....
337	aMyrtle.....	Port Robinson.....	Chas. Brain.....	Chas. S. Ross.....
338	Dufferin.....	Wellandport.....	D. H. Cohoe.....	W. T. Fralick.....
339	aOrient.....	Toronto.....	J. A. Bricco.....	W. E. Birrell.....
341	aBruce.....	Tiverton.....	H. E. Steincamp.....	D. A. McLaren.....
343	Georgina.....	Toronto.....	Geo. C. McIntyre.....	Geo. Thompson.....
344	Merrill.....	Dorchester.....	C. F. Reid.....	R. A. Logan.....
345	Nilestown.....	Nilestown.....	A. C. Dengate.....	R. J. Carswell.....
346	aOccident.....	Toronto.....	A. E. Powell.....	Wm. M. Williams.....
347	aMercer.....	Fergus.....	E. H. Stevenson.....	Geo. A. Reynolds.....
348	aGeorgian.....	Penetanguishene.....	F. F. Zoschke.....	T. D. Keefe.....
352	aGranite.....	Parry Sound.....	Geo. L. Ziegler.....	J. H. Knifton.....
354	aBrock.....	Cannington.....	W. E. Halward.....	C. F. Beck.....
356	aRiver Park.....	Streetsville.....	H. M. Crouse.....	J. K. McIlwick.....
357	Waterdown.....	Millgrove.....	L. E. Allison.....	John A. Dalton.....
358	aDelaware Valley.....	Delaware.....	Alex. Howlett.....	E. W. Pincombe.....
359	aVittoria.....	Vittoria.....	W. E. Anderson.....	John Pow.....
360	aMuskoka.....	Bracebridge.....	H. J. Mills.....	F. P. Warne.....
361	aWaverley.....	Cuephul.....	A. W. Baker.....	W. Simpson.....
362	aMaple Leaf.....	Tara.....	Jos. Tindale.....	R. I. Shannon.....
364	aDufferin.....	Melbourne.....	John S. Campbell.....	Geo. J. Stevenson.....
367	aSt. George.....	Toronto.....	E. R. Shaw.....	A. B. Hutchcroft.....
368	aSalem.....	Brockville.....	Wm. E. Rothwell.....	E. A. Geiger.....
369	aMimico.....	Lambton Mills.....	A. E. Mercer.....	W. A. Beecroft.....
370	Harmony.....	Delta.....	Jos. H. Tye.....	H. E. Johnson.....
371	aPrince of Wales.....	Ottawa.....	W. A. Macdonald.....	A. E. Revell.....
372	aPalmer.....	Bridgeburg.....	H. M. Anderson.....	N. D. Graham.....
373	aCopestone.....	Welland.....	E. L. Deitch.....	A. Tattersall.....
374	aKeene.....	Keene.....	R. J. Lovell.....	Peter Gillespie.....
375	aLorne.....	Omemece.....	Rev. R. S. Scott.....	W. J. Thorn.....
376	Unity.....	Huntsville.....	Thos. Millert.....	Oscar Wieler.....
377	Lorne.....	Shelburne.....	John H. Zinn.....	Samuel Patterson.....
378	aKing Solomon's.....	London.....	H. E. Abell.....	Wm. Nicholls.....
379	laMiddlesex.....	Bryanston.....	H. J. Hardy.....	Edward Coleman.....

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307	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	2	1	1		3						74
309	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	4	5	6		3	1	1			1	79
311	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	11	10	7	1			6				76
312	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	12	12	7	2		3				1	204
313	1st Tuesday	7	7	8	1	2	1				1	128
314	2nd Friday	4	4	6		5	3					143
315	3rd Monday	4	6	5	1	3	1	1			2	77
316	3rd Thursday	19	18	19	4	9	5	5			2	522
318	Fri. on or after F.M.	2	2	2	1							36
319	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	17	16	17	2	3	2	4				158
320	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	4		1	1					143
321	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	2	4	2	2	2	1					111
322	Wed. after F.M.	11	12	12	1	3					2	273
323	Wed. on bef. F. M.	1	1	3	2	3	1	5				88
324	2nd Tuesday	30	29	29	2	2	7	2			4	583
325	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	2	12	12		2	2	2			1	83
326	4th Friday	21	20	18	5	4	9				1	660
327	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	6	7	7		3					1	55
328	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	3	3	3		1	1					71
329	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	10	10	10	1		1				1	86
330	1st Tuesday	19	22	14	3		3	2			1	358
331	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	4	3	4								74
332	2nd Monday	17	22	25	3	3	1	5				336
333	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	8	7	7	3	4	1					108
334	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	8	7	6	2	2	2	2				75
336	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	5	5	5		2	4				1	102
337	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	10	11	12		2						87
338	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	6	4	4			1	3				88
339	1st Tuesday	17	20	14		3	4	8			6	468
341	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	3	5	4			1					84
343	1st Saturday	15	13	10	1	2	6	7			2	501
344	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	1	3	3	1		1					75
345	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	14	14	9	2			11				111
346	3rd Wednesday	26	23	27	6	6	7	9			11	625
347	1st Friday	8	9	8	1	2	2				1	120
348	1st Thursday	6	9	8	1	2	2	1				138
352	3rd Wednesday	17	19	33	1	1	6					287
354	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	5	3	4	1							94
356	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	6	6	8		6	1					121
357	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	5	9	12		3	3	4				177
358	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	3										77
359	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	3	2	3							1	75
360	1st Tuesday	9	9	6	2		3	1			3	126
361	4th Monday	18	21	21	3	11	4	9			1	377
362	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	9	10	7	1	1	5				1	91
364	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	7	7	8	1	2	2	4				72
367	1st Friday	25	20	21	1	7	7				1	498
368	2nd Monday	18	16	19	2	1	3				1	285
369	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	11	14	16	1	4	2				1	234
370	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	7	2		3	1	1	1			1	95
371	4th Friday	20	24	25	6	2	2	1			2	329
372	1st Tuesday	8	8	8		3	2	2				173
373	1st Thursday	13	10	12			1	3			2	236
374	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	1								36
375	1st Thursday	5	5	2	1	1	1	8				105
376	2nd Wednesday	9	8	9	1	3	3	5			2	164
377	1st Friday	12	11	12		2	2					135
378	2nd Thursday	20	17	20	6	3	6	4			5	399
379	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	4	1	2	1		1					64

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The names of the W. M. and Secretary

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
380	aUnion.....	London.....	E. T. Read.....	Jos. Ward.....
382	aDoric.....	Hamilton.....	C. A. McCulloch.....	C. V. Emory.....
383	aHenderson.....	Winchester.....	K. J. Guy.....	F. A. Coons.....
384	aAlpha.....	Toronto.....	Thos. D. Stokes.....	E. J. Voss.....
385	aSpry.....	Beeton.....	J. D. Williams.....	N. P. McDonald.....
386	aMcColl.....	West Lorne.....	J. W. Neil.....	A. W. Smith.....
387	aLansdowne.....	Lansdowne.....	J. A. Mackie.....	G. H. Landon.....
388	aHenderson.....	Ilderton.....	Frank McCallum.....	J. R. Calvert.....
389	aCrystal Fountain.....	N. Augusta.....	Robt. Cavanagh.....	G. M. Wilkins.....
390	aFlorence.....	Florence.....	G. L. Smary.....	Jas. Beatty.....
391	aHoward.....	Ridgetown.....	Dr. J. R. Craig.....	T. A. Routledge.....
392	aHuron.....	Camlachie.....	Alfred Hillier.....	John Anderson.....
393	aForest.....	Chesley.....	W. G. Krug.....	Harry Stevens.....
394	aKing Solomon's.....	Thamesford.....	J. F. Patterson.....	W. W. Day.....
395	aParvaim.....	Comber.....	H. Richardson.....	L. Dean.....
396	aCedar.....	Warton.....	J. F. Rock.....	E. A. Dobson.....
397	aLeopold.....	Bridgen.....	J. S. Capes.....	C. C. Watson.....
398	aVictoria.....	Kirkfield.....	J. D. McMillan.....	Wm. J. Jobe.....
399	aMoffat.....	Harrietsville.....	C. E. Cavanagh.....	R. E. Wilton.....
400	aOakville.....	Oakville.....	R. M. Smith.....	E. O. Taylor.....
401	aCraig.....	Deseronto.....	A. H. Creeggan.....	C. E. Argue.....
402	aCentral.....	Essex.....	W. R. Reed.....	H. R. Johnson.....
403	aWindsor.....	Windsor.....	Thos. W. Turnbull.....	A. N. Pettit.....
404	aLorne.....	Tamworth.....	Herbert York.....	John A. Brown.....
405	aMattawa.....	Mattawa.....	Samuel Tongue.....	H. H. Betts.....
406	aSpry.....	Feneon Falls.....	Chas. Burgoyne.....	H. J. Townley.....
408	aMurray.....	Beaverton.....	John McLeod.....	W. C. Latimer.....
409	aGolden Rule.....	Gravehurst.....	J. B. Lindsell.....	W. H. Butterworth.....
410	aZeta.....	Toronto.....	Samuel Alexander.....	W. E. Robson.....
411	aRodney.....	Rodney.....	G. D. McDermid.....	J. B. Stinson.....
412	aKeystone.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	A. H. Clark.....	E. I. Scott.....
413	aNaphtali.....	Tilbury.....	Wm. Barnard.....	M. W. Richards.....
414	aPequonga.....	Kenora.....	Chas. Gatton.....	H. E. Hollands.....
415	aFort William.....	Fort William.....	Roy Hegel.....	C. E. Coombes.....
416	aLyn.....	Lyn.....	R. G. Stewart.....	F. Stafford.....
417	aKeewatin.....	Keewatin.....	John M. Adams.....	Fred Bruce.....
418	aMaxville.....	Maxville.....	Robt. McKay.....	T. W. Dingwall.....
419	aLiberty.....	Point Edward.....	J. H. Green.....	W. J. Alecock.....
420	aNipissing.....	North Bay.....	Thos. M. Sale.....	Dr. B. F. Nott.....
421	aScott.....	Grand Valley.....	Alfred Menary.....	W. L. Craig.....
422	aStar of the East.....	Bothwell.....	W. B. Curtis.....	G. D. Hoover.....
423	aStrong.....	Sundridge.....	S. R. Mitchell.....	Milford Gully.....
424	aDoric.....	Pickering.....	V. E. Courtwright.....	W. Gormley.....
425	aSt. Clair.....	Sombra.....	W. R. McNeill.....	J. W. Burnham.....
426	aStanley.....	Toronto.....	C. G. Thomson.....	Wm. Harris.....
427	aNickel.....	Sudbury.....	Chas. Bibby.....	Jos. Fowler.....
428	aFidelity.....	Port Perry.....	A. J. Dance.....	J. W. Crozier.....
429	aPort Elgin.....	Port Elgin.....	H. C. Koebke.....	Jas. B. Cottrill.....
430	aAcacia.....	Toronto.....	Wm. R. Edwards.....	R. G. Allen.....
431	aMoravian.....	Cargill.....	Wm. Russell.....	G. F. Saunders.....
432	aHanover.....	Hanover.....	W. R. Bruegeman.....	W. D. Staples.....
433	aBonnechere.....	Eganville.....	Geo. Reeves.....	Jas. Reeves.....
434	aAlgonquin.....	Emsdale.....	J. F. McDonald.....	Jas. Metcalfe.....
435	aHavelock.....	Havelock.....	T. P. Lancaster.....	H. F. McNichol.....
436	aBurns.....	Hepworth.....	Geo. A. Perkins.....	Gilbert Roseborough.....
437	aTuscan.....	Sarnia.....	W. W. Simpson.....	W. J. Barrie.....
438	aHarmony.....	Toronto.....	W. J. A. Lytle.....	Thos. Robertson.....
439	aAlexandria.....	Alexandria.....	H. J. McGillivray.....	H. L. Cheney.....
440	aArcadia.....	Minden.....	Wm. McArthur.....	S. Phillips.....
441	aWestport.....	Westport.....	N. O. Kilpatrick.....	John D. Adams.....

AT DECEMBER 31, 1923.

Special Addresses of Secretaries

of St. John the Evangelist, all others on or about that of St. John the Baptist.

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No. of Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Resigned	Dead	Suspend. N.P.D.	Suspend. U.M.C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members
380	2nd Monday	13	11	12	2	2	8	2			2	376
382	3rd Monday	26	26	25	1	4	12	10			4	520
383	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	4	3	2	1	5	2	3			1	109
384	1st Thursday	27	24	23	3	4	6	3			3	652
385	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	2	5	6	1			5				88
386	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	7	4	5								162
387	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	6	5	3	2	2	3				1	85
388	Moh. on or bef. F.M.	10	7	9	2	1		3				118
389	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	4		2						98
390	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	3	2	2			1				1	71
391	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	10	6	8	1	1	4	1			1	175
392	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	9	12	11	1	1					1	100
393	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	7	4	6		2					1	111
394	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	6	6	7	2	1	1	1			1	126
395	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	2	3							76
396	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	4	2	4	1	3	3	1				155
397	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	1	3	5		2	2				1	108
398	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	6	4	5			1	2			2	87
399	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	11	7	6								78
400	1st Tuesday	7	7	5	1	5	3	1			1	220
401	2nd Tuesday	2	3	2	1	1	1					122
402	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	12	10	12								198
403	1st Friday	25	25	29	1	12	2	20			2	595
404	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	5	5	4		1		8			1	72
405	1st Tuesday	1	2			3	2	3				114
406	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	6	6	7	1	8	1	1			1	103
408	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	6	4	4			1					119
409	2nd Monday	5	5	4			2				1	135
410	4th Friday	33	30	30	1	8	6					469
411	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	7	11	11	1	1	1					91
412	1st Tuesday	7	8	9	5	8	4	3				488
413	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	4	3	1	1	4	1				1	117
414	1st Wednesday	7	8	10	4	5	1	4			4	278
415	2nd Wednesday	25	26	21	3	4	3	8			2	380
416	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	2	3	3		1	1	1				62
417	1st Friday	7	5	4		1	1				1	121
418	2nd Friday	5	5	7			2					103
419	2nd Monday	11	9	10	2	1		1			2	151
420	2nd Monday	9	10	13	1	6	2	3			1	317
421	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	3	5	4			6	2				102
422	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	5	5	3				1				102
423	3rd Monday	4	4	4	2	3	2	9			3	94
424	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	2	3	2	2							57
425	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	6	3	4			3	2			1	103
426	1st Tuesday	17	20	24	2	3	8	9			2	541
427	1st Wednesday	8	12	11	1	1	1	5			2	337
428	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	11	13	12			1	3	1			166
429	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	1	2	2	1	3	3	2				82
430	3rd Monday	20	20	20			3	3				376
431	Fri. on or aft. F.M.	2				3			4			57
432	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	5	5	3	2	3						106
433	2nd Monday	2	3	3		4		3				103
434	Tue. on or aft. F.M.	11	10	10		1	1				1	132
435	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	8	6	8		1	2	5			1	161
436	Tue. on or aft. F.M.	4	6	2			1				1	75
437	3rd Wednesday	29	32	26	3	4	3	10			1	414
438	4th Monday	20	12	12	1	11	4	12			1	500
439	Tue. on or aft. F.M.	6	4	4	1	1	2					82
440	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	4	3	3								83
441	1st Friday	1	1	2			1					96

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The names of the W. M. and Secretary

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
442	aDymont.....	Thessalon.....	Lewis N. Hern.....	John O. Coulter.....
443	aPowassan.....	Powassan.....	H. J. Paul.....	W. C. Porter.....
444	aNitetis.....	Creemore.....	John C. Lennox.....	Rev. J. H. Colclough.....
445	aLake of the Woods.....	Kenora.....	Ivan A. Wilson.....	W. J. Heaney.....
446	aGranite.....	Fort Frances.....	G. A. Hollands.....	F. H. Warner.....
447	Sturgeon Falls.....	Sturgeon Falls.....	E. H. Winn.....	E. W. Innes.....
448	aXenophon.....	Wheatley.....	Chas. Edwards.....	Jas. D. McGregor.....
449	Dundalk.....	Dundalk.....	L. C. Champ.....	H. C. Moody.....
450	aHawkesbury.....	Hawkesbury.....	A. E. Gourlay.....	J. W. Holthy.....
451	aSomerville.....	Kinmount.....	W. A. R. Mark.....	C. W. Wellstood.....
452	aAvonmore.....	Avonmore.....	Allan McKinnon.....	S. E. Shaver.....
453	Royal.....	Fort William.....	A. D. Batcheller.....	F. C. Perry.....
454	Corona.....	Burk's Falls.....	Jas. A. Cuthbertson.....	J. J. Wilson.....
455	Doric.....	Little Current.....	M. W. Ritchie.....	P. J. McLean.....
456	Elma.....	Monkton.....	Wilfrid Smith.....	A. Chalmers.....
457	aCentury.....	Merlin.....	A. G. Stewart.....	J. C. Sales.....
458	aWales.....	Wales.....	Geo. J. Rice.....	Geo. D. Colquhoun.....
459	aCobden.....	Cobden.....	Samuel McLaren.....	H. C. Morris.....
460	aRideau.....	Seeley's Bay.....	Geo. Gardiner.....	C. C. Gilbert.....
461	aIonic.....	Rainy River.....	J. P. Rydeen.....	L. D. Hickey.....
462	Temiskaming.....	New Liskeard.....	Wm. G. Nixon.....	J. H. Brown.....
463	North Entrance.....	Haliburton.....	Karl Hadley.....	Fred Jones.....
464	King Edward.....	Sunderland.....	J. H. Purvis.....	R. A. Purvis.....
465	aCarleton.....	Carp.....	Dr. A. B. Hyndman.....	Geo. A. Moore.....
466	aCoronation.....	Elmvale.....	R. W. Black.....	J. T. Foster.....
467	aTottenham.....	Tottenham.....	G. W. McCurdy.....	J. J. McKnight.....
468	Peel.....	Caledon East.....	Harold Spratt.....	J. W. Phillips.....
469	aAlgoma.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	W. T. Scott.....	Wm. Rubenstein.....
470	aVictoria.....	Victoria Harbor.....	Wm. J. Stewart.....	J. P. Schissler.....
471	aKing Edward VII.....	Chippawa.....	W. G. Davidson.....	W. Smeaton.....
472	aGore Bay.....	Gore Bay.....	Donald McLean.....	E. W. Davies.....
473	aThe Beaches.....	Toronto.....	E. C. Berkinshaw.....	S. J. Manchester.....
474	aVictoria.....	Toronto.....	H. L. Scythes.....	W. J. Wadsworth.....
475	aDundurn.....	Hamilton.....	John R. Ellis.....	J. M. Dunlop.....
476	aCorinthian.....	North Gower.....	M. J. Scobie.....	J. H. Cryderman.....
477	aHarding.....	Woodville.....	J. E. Dure.....	A. E. Staback.....
478	aMilverton.....	Milverton.....	M. McBeth.....	E. Seigner.....
479	aRussell.....	Russell.....	H. H. Shepherd.....	W. B. Morgan.....
480	aWilliamsburg.....	Williamsburg.....	H. M. Whitteker.....	J. A. Barkley.....
481	aCorinthian.....	Toronto.....	Fred Keeler.....	W. H. Hunter.....
482	aBancroft.....	Bancroft.....	E. L. Reid.....	R. F. Delyea.....
483	aGranton.....	Granton.....	W. H. Foster.....	Chas. Powers.....
484	Golden Star.....	Dryden.....	H. H. Humphrey.....	Alex. Duncan.....
485	aHaileybury.....	Haileybury.....	Robt. Jenkins.....	Dr. C. W. Haentschel.....
486	aSilvcr.....	Cobalt.....	D. H. McLeod.....	H. B. Hawley.....
487	aPenewobikong.....	Blind River.....	J. C. Kauffman.....	Geo. J. McArthur.....
488	aKing Edward.....	Harrow.....	W. R. Boyce.....	G. E. Johnston.....
489	Osiris.....	Smith's Falls.....	S. H. Hall.....	John J. Bradley.....
490	aHiram.....	Markdale.....	S. A. Morrison.....	S. J. Edgerton.....
491	aCardinal.....	Cardinal.....	John C. Sim.....	W. T. Kingston.....
492	aKarnak.....	Coldwater.....	R. A. Elliott.....	H. Elliott.....
493	aSt. Marys.....	St. Mary's.....	N. V. Johnston.....	L. C. Maxwell.....
494	aRiverdale.....	Toronto.....	D. J. Bannerman.....	Jas. M. Malcolm.....
495	aElectric.....	Hamilton.....	H. F. Davis.....	W. F. Montague.....
496	aUniversity.....	Toronto.....	W. H. McNairn.....	A. E. MacLean.....
497	aSt. Andrew's.....	Arden.....	Fred Groves.....	J. A. Pringle.....
498	aKing George V.....	Coboconk.....	Isaac Bowins.....	Chas. M. Callan.....
499	aPort Arthur.....	Port Arthur.....	J. C. H. Wink.....	A. Rome.....
500	aRose.....	Windsor.....	Wm. E. Jones.....	M. P. McMaster.....

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No. of Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Resigned	Dead	Suspend. N.P.D.	Suspend. U.M.C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members
442	2nd Thursday	3	5	2	1		6	1				129
443	2nd Friday	10	10	14	1	2	1				2	94
444	Tue. on or aft. F.M.	1	1	1	3	7		5				83
445	2nd Wednesday	2	3	4	1							80
446	1st Tuesday	16	19	13	2	1	2				2	175
447	2nd Thursday	1	3	4	2	3	1	3				88
448	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	9	4	6	2	2	3	5				71
449	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	13	7	1		1	1					93
450	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	3	2	5		1						103
451	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	4	1		2				1	71
452	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	6	7	6		8		1				93
453	1st Wednesday	11	10	12	6	7	1					217
454	2nd Monday	4	3	4	1	1	2					119
455	2nd Tuesday	6	4	3	1	1	1	4			2	103
456	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	4	2							66
457	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	7	7	6	1	1	1					123
458	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	9	10	8	1	1	2					111
459	2nd Tuesday	5	4	9	3	2	2					122
460	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	1	1									78
461	1st Thursday	11	10	6	1	4		2				105
462	3rd. Thursday	9	5	8	1	1						181
463	3rd Thursday	7	8	4			1					83
464	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	7	7	6	1	2					1	104
465	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	4	3	2		1	2	3				72
466	1st. Friday	5	6	4	1	2	1					100
467	Mon. on or aft. F.M.	2	3	2	1		2					71
468	Fri. on or aft. F.M.	5	3	2		2						106
469	2nd Monday	9	10	8		3	2					300
470	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	1	3	5	2	2						140
471	1st Wednesday		3	3	1	1	3				1	96
472	1st Wednesday	4	3	3	1			1				107
473	2nd Friday	11	15	15		4	1	2				308
474	3rd Tuesday	21	27	22		4	1	7			3	415
475	3rd Saturday	24	27	31	2	5	9	9			1	536
476	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	3	2	5	1	3	1					88
477	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	2	1	1		1				80
478	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	4			1					91
479	Mon. on or aft. F.M.	14	13	7	2	1		1			1	161
480	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	1	1	1								63
481	4th Thursday	34	31	26	3	1	1	9				349
482	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	4	3	6	1	2		7				163
483	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	6	4	4		2	1	1				74
484	2nd Tuesday	10	12	12		2						113
485	1st Thursday	13	11	7		6	1				3	213
486	1st Monday	17	16	7		6	1				1	263
487	2nd Monday	3	4	2			1					74
488	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	8	7	4	1		2					113
489	Friday aft. F.M.	16	9	7	3	2		4				140
490	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	4	2	2		1	1	1			1	60
491	2nd Friday	2	2	2	3	3	3					93
492	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	5	1							97
493	4th Monday	4	6	6	3	3	1					173
494	4th Friday	22	18	24	4	7	5	10			2	407
495	3rd Wednesday	44	42	41	6	8	6	2			2	559
496	2nd Wednesday	25	29	27	1	9	2	6				407
497	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	6	4	2			1				1	98
498	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	10	10	10	1	1						88
499	2nd Monday	31	26	20	4	3	1	6				303
500	3rd Tuesday	6	5	2	4	3	3	2				155

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
501	aConnaught	Mimico	H. B. Foreman	Geo. S. Brown
502	Coronation	Smithville	H. G. Parrott	J. H. Patterson
503	aInwood	Inwood	W. C. Johnston	W. R. Dawson
504	Otter	Lombardy	J. E. Lockwood	O. W. Wright
505	aLynden	Lynden	Wm. T. Taylor	Wm. A. Smith
506	aPorcupine	Porcupine	A. D. Pearce	F. H. Hall
507	aElk Lake	Elk Lake	M. R. Morgan	F. G. Kirk
508	aOzias	Brantford	Jas. A. Scace	F. W. Benedict
509	Twin City	Kitchener	J. R. Kirkpatrick	Geo. DeKleinhaus
510	aParkdale	Toronto	W. L. Amiraux	Geo. E. Buchanan
511	aConnaught	W. Fort William	Robt. Taylor	A. B. Evans
512	Malone	Sutton W.	F. E. Sherman	O. J. Silver
513	aCorinthian	Hamilton	E. G. Wray	J. R. Croft
514	aSt. Alban's	Toronto	J. L. House	Geo. T. Gardiner
515	aReba	Brantford	G. A. Richardson	S. W. Seago
516	aEnterprise	Beachburg	John T. Collins	P. C. Creegan
517	aHazeldean	Hazeldean	J. C. McGuire	J. R. McGuire
518	aSioux Lookout	Sioux Lookout	A. E. Hainsworth	J. W. Campbell
519	aOnondaga	Onondaga	R. J. McMillan	Arthur A. Barton
520	aCoronati	Toronto	W. T. Overend	J. T. Stephenson
521	aOntario	Windsor	A. R. Graham	J. R. Thomson
522	aMount Sinai	Toronto	S. M. Hansher	C. E. Garrard
523	aRoyal Arthur	Peterborough	Chas. B. Adair	G. W. Haley
524	aMississauga	Port Credit	H. A. Orr	W. M. Gemmill
525	aTemple	Toronto	Wm. S. Fraser	Chas. W. Long
526	aIonic	Westboro'	W. J. Abra	Thos. Saunders
527	aEspañola	Espanola	Jos. Plaunt	J. W. Darby
528	aGolden Beaver	Timmins	W. R. Rinn	Geo. Murphy
529	aMyra	Komoka	Stilson Swales	Peter Barber
530	aCochrane	Cochrane	A. T. King	W. S. Davis
531	aHigh Park	Toronto	Jos. H. King	R. B. Magill
532	aCanada	Toronto	H. A. Miller	J. E. Baker
533	aShamrock	Toronto	J. A. Thompson	E. W. Leith
534	aEnglehart	Englehart	Chas. Neal	Claude Fennel
535	aPhoenix	Fonthill	J. G. Wilkes	F. H. Clark
536	aAlgonquin	Copper Cliff	H. N. Kilpatrick	A. F. Brock
537	aUlster	Toronto	Chas. H. Leslie	Geo. Chambers
538	aEarl Kitchener	Port McNicoll	D. A. Sutherland	Wm. Stephenson
539	Waterloo	Waterloo	Geo. Cross	C. O. Hemphill
540	aAbitibi	Iroquois Falls	Chas. M. Watts	Geo. S. Pincott
541	aTuscan	Toronto	Jas. C. Hetherington	S. J. Jackson
542	aMetropolitan	Toronto	H. J. Coon	J. A. Troyer
543	aImperial	Toronto	Chas. F. Brookes	F. S. McEwen
544	aLincoln	Abingdon	Whitmore Marshall	T. F. McKinnell
545	aJohn Ross Robertson	Toronto	Chas. H. Cope	W. J. S. Graham
546	aTalbot	St. Thomas	Jas. A. Russell	W. A. McPherson
547	aVictory	Toronto	Robt. G. Furness	E. M. Patterson
548	aGeneral Mercer	Toronto	Chas. G. Milne	C. H. D'arden
549	aIonic	Hamilton	J. G. Jack	Smith A. Wait
550	aBuchanan	Hamilton	C. A. Alderson	Walter Peberdy
551	aTuscan	Hamilton	J. M. Wallace	T. W. Appleton
552	aQueen City	Toronto	J. Calvert	G. G. Spracklin
553	aOakwood	Toronto	T. R. Tennant	Wm Hyndman
554	aBorder Cities	Windsor	J. R. Wettlaufer	E. T. Howe
555	aWardrope	Hamilton	Ross VanEvery	A. E. Wilcox
556	aNation	Spencerville	J. W. Lawson	P. R. Barnard
557	aFinch	Finch	R. J. Wilson	C. T. McQuaig
558	aSidney Albert Luke	Ottawa	H. T. Hardy	W. E. Hayes

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No. of Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Resigned	Dead	Suspend. N.P.D.	Suspend U.M.C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members
501	2nd Thursday.....	11	14	12	5	6		3				227
502	Mon. on or bef. F. M.....	6	12	9				2				92
503	Mon. on or bef. F. M.....	8	5	5	1	1						99
504	Tue. on or bef. F. M.....	11	8	8								51
505	Wed. on or bef. F. M.....	10	9	10		1		2				94
506	1st Thursday.....	9	8	7	2	1		12				132
507	2nd Friday.....	4	5	6	1						1	91
508	3rd Tuesday.....	9	8	10	2							169
509	4th Friday.....	9	7	6		1	1					191
510	2nd Friday.....	28	31	29	1	4						280
511	3rd Monday.....	17	13	15	1							155
512	Wed. on or bef. F. M.....	6	4	5	3		2					122
513	4th Thursday.....	45	49	46	19	4	6	2				543
514	3rd Monday.....	16	25	32	2	7	4	15			1	394
515	2nd Friday.....	13	10	10	1	2		6			3	228
516	1st Monday.....	3	3	6	1	2	1	1				84
517	Wed. on or bef. F. M.....	2	1	2		1						67
518	1st Monday.....	10	10	8		5	1	14			2	152
519	Last Friday.....	5	3	3		1	1					85
520	2nd Tuesday.....	17	15	20	2	5	3	4				378
521	1st Monday.....	41	39	29		3	2	1				399
522	2nd Tuesday.....	14	26	17		1	2					354
523	1st Monday.....	12	9	6	5	3		4			1	137
524	2nd Thursday.....	10	10	9	6	1	3	2				129
525	4th Tuesday.....	37	31	33	3	3	1	7				319
526	2nd Wednesday.....	10	11	13	1	1	1					190
527	1st Wednesday.....	4	6	5	2	1	1	3			1	82
528	2nd Wednesday.....	14	10	11	3							145
529	Mon. on or bef. F. M.....	1		1		2	1	3				53
530	2nd Friday.....	20	17	15	2		1	6			1	123
531	3rd Thursday.....	32	33	30	6	1	1	2			1	584
532	1st Friday.....	29	28	25	4	3	4	3			2	339
533	3rd Tuesday.....	13	15	15		11	2	20				346
534	Mon. on or bef. F. M.....	16	11	10		2	1					121
535	Mon. on or aft. F. M.....	2	1	1		1						78
536	3rd Tuesday.....	15	12	11		1						108
537	1st Monday.....	65	66	70	8	6	1					590
538	Tue. on or bef. F. M.....	3	3	4			1	1			1	60
539	1st Wednesday.....	9	6	4	3	2	2					113
540	3rd Friday.....	17	15	13	1	7	3	3			1	120
541	3rd Friday.....	24	23	23	5	3	3	7				419
542	4th Wednesday.....	12	10	12	5	3	1					165
543	4th Monday.....	15	20	15	10	5	1	3				231
544	Fri. on or bef. F. M.....	3	5	7			2					68
545	3rd Tuesday.....	34	32	31	3	12	3					320
546	4th Thursday.....	13	19	20	5	7	2	2				233
547	2nd Wednesday.....	2	2	2								94
548	2nd Friday.....	16	14	20	3							232
549	1st Wednesday.....	35	41	37	5	1	3	5				198
550	1st Thursday.....	25	26	24	1	1	1					218
551	1st Thursday.....	25	28	30	1	3	2	1			1	306
552	1st Wednesday.....	18	21	24	4	2	1	9				286
553	2nd Monday.....	16	20	20	1	2	1	6				207
554	1st Saturday.....	14	10	13	1	1	1	3				120
555	4th Monday.....	29	29	30	1	6	1	4				310
556	1st Friday.....	3	4	4	1	1						58
557	Thur. on or bef. F. M.....	4	9	9								74
558	2nd Wednesday.....	16	24	13	1	2						120

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
559	Palestine.....	Toronto.....	Fred. Singer.....	Harry Melvin.....
560	St. Andrew's.....	Ottawa.....	Gilbert McGill.....	F. C. Baker.....
561	Acacia.....	Westboro.....	W. A. Dier.....	C. W. Crockatt.....
562	Hamilton.....	Hamilton.....	G. S. Cramp.....	D. R. Gibson.....
563	Victory.....	Chatham.....	Jas. D. Keats.....	W. Scurr.....
564	Ashlar.....	Ottawa.....	W. A. Smith.....	Wm. Shortt.....
565	Kilwinning.....	Toronto.....	W. A. Ross.....	Thos. Forsyth.....
566	King Hiram.....	Toronto.....	B. H. Capsey.....	J. G. Bruce.....
567	St. Aidan's.....	Toronto.....	Jos. Taylor.....	D. B. McCunn.....
568	Hullett.....	Londesboro.....	Alex. Wells.....	John Pingland.....
569	Doric.....	Lakeside.....	D. S. Seaton.....	F. G. Seaton.....
570	Dufferin.....	Toronto.....	J. E. L. Keyes.....	I. H. Burns.....
571	Antiquity.....	Toronto.....	P. K. Perry.....	R. A. McDonald.....
572	Mizpah.....	Toronto.....	John Ferguson.....	Wm. Creasy.....
573	Adoniram.....	Niagara Falls.....	R. O. Blaney.....	H. M. Little.....
574	Craig.....	Ailsa Craig.....	A. D. McLean.....	Erle Finan.....
575	Fidelity.....	Toronto.....	J. M. Tamblin.....	Wm. Moull.....
576	Mimosa.....	Toronto.....	G. F. Empringham.....	N. L. Giant.....
577	St. Clair.....	Toronto.....	John T. Edworthy.....	P. Bach.....
578	Queen's.....	Kingston.....	S. W. Houston.....	E. W. Skinner.....
579	Harmony.....	Windsor.....	F. J. Hughes.....	W. H. Kent.....
580	Acacia.....	London.....	J. H. Langsford.....	W. G. Harding.....
581	Harcourt.....	Toronto.....	A. D. Wilson.....	F. D. Tolchard.....
582	Sunnyside.....	Toronto.....	Fred Power.....	Dill McKerihen.....
583	Transportation.....	Toronto.....	John Thomson.....	Jas. G. Dunn.....
584	Kaministiquia.....	Fort William.....	R. B. Pow.....	S. C. Read.....
585	Royal Edward.....	Kingston.....	W. A. Bearance.....	W. J. Saunders.....
586	War Veterans.....	Toronto.....	C. H. Reeve.....	Sage Snider.....
587	Patricia.....	Toronto.....	H. P. Cranfield.....	E. J. Reddick.....
588	National.....	Capreol.....	A. J. Lomas.....	H. Hembrauff.....
589	Grey.....	Toronto.....	G. H. Armstrong.....	J. W. Tucker.....
590	Defenders.....	Ottawa.....	R. M. Stewart.....	Robt. Shipley.....
591	North Gate.....	Toronto.....	B. B. Conn.....	A. W. Army.....
592	Fairbank.....	Toronto.....	S. H. B. Tonkin.....	Gardiner Taylor.....
593	St. Andrew's.....	Hamilton.....	John S. Drysdale.....	F. W. Davidson.....
594	Hillcrest.....	Hamilton.....	G. A. Grassie.....	J. O. Ironside.....
595	Rideau.....	Ottawa.....	Rev. R. Jefferson.....	A. C. Wiltshire.....
596	Martintown.....	Martintown.....	H. M. Grant.....	D. H. McDougall.....
597	Temple.....	London.....	S. W. Leonard.....	C. McN. Freeman.....
598	Dominion.....	Windsor.....	C. E. Jackson.....	Ira. L. Arnott.....
599	Mount Dennis.....	Toronto.....	Wm. McArthur.....	F. Thain.....
600	Maple Leaf.....	Toronto.....	Wm. Moull.....	W. J. Charles.....
601	St. Paul.....	Sarnia.....	Wm. J. Constable.....	Wm. H. Hunt.....
602	Hugh Murray.....	Hamilton.....	Chas. Peebles.....	A. E. Hutchinson.....
603	Campbell.....	Campbellville.....	T. N. Lowe.....	W. W. Stewart.....
604	Palace.....	Windsor.....	Homer N. Heard.....	John A. McNab.....
605	Melita.....	Toronto.....	John Miller.....	F. C. Becker.....
606	Unity.....	Toronto.....	F. Pelling.....	T. S. Evans.....
607	Golden Fleece.....	Toronto.....	Arthur McKennedy.....	F. A. Beatty.....
608	Gothic.....	Lindsay.....	Ed. Stubbins.....	W. R. Alley.....
609	Tavistock.....	Tavistock.....	Geo. F. Holley.....	P. C. Armstrong.....
610	Ashlar.....	Byron.....	J. W. Meriam.....	H. W. Thompson.....
611	Huron-Bruce.....	Toronto.....	J. P. F. Houston.....	R. J. Blaney.....
612	Birch Cliff.....	Birch Cliff.....	R. T. Robertson.....	A. F. Robertson.....
613	Fort Erie.....	Fort Erie.....	Wm. F. Willson.....	W. E. Johnson.....
614	Adanac.....	Merrittton.....	H. L. Savigny.....	F. W. Kerr.....
615	Dominion.....	Ridgeway.....	Jas. E. Laur.....	Fred. C. Brown.....
616	Perfection.....	St. Catharines.....	A. M. McComb.....	G. I. Sherk.....
617	North Bay.....	North Bay.....	John Jago.....	J. E. Gardiner.....

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559	4th Wednesday	24	22	21	2							166
560	1st Thursday	13	18	17	1	6		1				166
561	4th Friday	17	17	11	5	2						106
562	2nd Monday	42	44	38	2	4	1	3				322
563	2nd Tuesday	10	9	16	8		2	1				193
564	1st Saturday	16	20	23		3		1				127
565	3rd Friday	39	36	46	14	3						320
566	1st Friday	16	18	17	3	4	1					154
567	3rd Friday	7	5	7	1	1						71
568	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	8	7	6			1					43
569	Tue. on or aft. F. M.	3	3	7		2						56
570	1st Tuesday	39	29	37	2	7						181
571	3rd Wednesday	27	22	21	2	4						138
572	4th Thursday	39	50	54		9		5				294
573	3rd Monday	26	18	14	6		1					173
574	Thur. on or aft. F. M.	8	9	10		6						62
575	4th Thursday	25	22	20	6							141
576	1st Monday	12	8	11	3		2					144
577	1st Wednesday	20	17	25	4	6	2	3				198
578	3rd Monday	25	28	24	2	7	1					121
579	2nd Saturday	20	19	21		4	1	5				108
580	2nd Saturday	31	32	32	6	4		3				163
581	3rd Wednesday	3	2	1	2							46
582	3rd Wednesday	36	34	32	6	1	1					190
583	2nd Monday	14	14	16	20	5						157
584	1st Monday	2	4	4	8	1	1					67
585	4th Friday	8	7	5	4							61
586	1st Friday	26	22	25	5	8						189
587	2nd Wednesday	23	27	32	4		1					167
588	1st Tuesday	12	17	13	2	2	1					74
589	2nd Friday	15	17	18	8	1		1				135
590	1st Wednesday	15	10	13	13	4	2					103
591	4th Thursday	25	37	36	12	1						149
592	3rd Monday	19	21	22	4	1						94
593	4th Wednesday	69	75	68	20		1					259
594	2nd Monday	21	17	13	3	1						110
595	2nd Thursday	7	12	14	2	7						110
596	2nd Thursday	8	8	5			1					31
597	4th Friday	13	12	11	15							79
598	1st Wednesday	18	9									71
599	1st Wednesday	13	24	29	7		1					79
600	1st Friday	13	15	20	1	4		1				77
601	1st Saturday	20	24	23	4	1	1					114
602	3rd Tuesday	30	27	27	4							108
603	1st Tuesday	13	9	18	1							52
604	1st Monday	15	15	7								50
605	4th Saturday	18	19	18	5							63
606	2nd Saturday	17	18	20	2							105
607	3rd Thursday	11	11	9	5			1				68
608	3rd Monday	8	13	13	8	3	1					73
609	2nd Tues.	16	17	12	5							43
610	4th Monday	23	27	27	5							101
611	3rd Monday	9	10	7	5		4					98
612	1st Friday	21	21	23	11	2						126
613	3rd Tuesday	19	17	11	37							58
614	1st Thursday	14	12	10	1	1	1					58
615	1st Thursday	12	18	15	1	1						40
616	2nd Monday	16	12	8	12			4				49
617	2nd Friday	16	14	11	4	4						69

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618	Thunder Bay.....	Port Arthur.....	C. S. McComb.....	W. H. Matthews.....
619	Runnymede.....	Toronto.....	Alex. Chisholm.....	W. McK. Hamshaw.....
620	Bay of Quinte.....	Toronto.....	W. S. Morden.....	A. E. Jewett.....
621	Frontenac.....	Sharbot Lake.....	M. R. Reid.....	Eugene Smith.....
622	Lorne.....	Chapleau.....	D. C. Wilson.....	W. P. Spero.....
623	Doric.....	Kirkland Lake.....	F. W. Haynes.....	C. B. Moore.....
624	Dereham.....	Mount Elgin.....	Harry T. Bower.....	S. E. L. Woodman.....

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618	1st Thursday.....	14	12	9	5							49
619	4th Wednesday.....	23	20	18	73	1						95
620	3rd Friday.....	13	12	9	181	1	2					191
621	Friday before F. M.....	5	2	2	13							18
622	2nd Wednesday.....	3			51							54
623	1st Thursday.....	25	22		63							88
624												
		5975	5925	5779	1273	1202	1009	1032			301	102096

P O ADDRESSES OF SECRETARIES

Special Addresses of Secretaries of Lodges in the Cities, and in other places where the Secretary's address is not the same as that of the Lodge.

No.	Lodge	Location	Secretary and P.O. Address
3	Ancient St. John's	Kingston	A. W. Cathcart, 454 Johnson St.
5	Sussex	Brockville	T. H. Guest, 374 King St. W.
6	Barton	Hamilton	W. H. F. Whateley, 16 Market Sq.
11	Moir	Belleville	Geo. Dulmage, 36 Hillside St.
15	St. George's	St. Catharines	A. N. Lindsay, 5 Queen St.
16	St. Andrew's	Toronto	Wm. Lawrence, 202 Westminster Av.
20	St. John's	London	Rich. Booth, 230 Wellington St.
22	King Solomon's	Toronto	Chas. T. Hoare, 307 Sunnyside Ave.
25	Ionic	Toronto	F. W. Scott, Osgoode Hall
27	Strict Observance	Hamilton	H. W. Linton, 68 Barnesdale Ave. S.
40	St. John's	Hamilton	B. L. Simpson, 94 Delaware Ave.
42	St. George's	London	Thos. Dickson, 243 Victoria St.
43	King Solomon's	Woodstock	A. W. Massie, 717 Rathbourne Ave.
44	St. Thomas	St. Thomas	F. W. Judd, 387 Talbot St.
45	Brant	Biantford	Geo. Whitwill, 149 Sheridan St.
47	Great Western	Windsor	John Fry, 522 Dougall Ave.
52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	H. W. Jackson, 25 Sparks St.
56	Victoria	Sarnia	H. W. Unsworth, 219 Mitton St. N.
57	Harmony	Binbrook	James D. Rose, Blackheath
58	Doric	Ottawa	J. A. Ross, 480 Cooper St.
61	Acacia	Hamilton	Chas. E. Kelly, 73 Melrose Ave.
64	Kilwinning	London	W. Lancaster, 15 Stanley St.
65	Rehoboam	Toronto	Geo. H. Mitchell, W.W. Dept., City Hall
72	Alma	Galt	A. J. Oliver, 45 James St.
74	St. James	S. Augusta	F. L. Bissell, Algonquin
75	St. John's	Toronto	O. T. Randall, 17 George St.
76	Oxford	Woodstock	J. W. Dutton, 687 Adelaide St.
77	Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	C. L. Davidson, 58 Kent St. E.
86	Wilson	Toronto	W. L. Lawer, 103 Erskine Ave.
88	St. George's	Owen Sound	John M. Campbell, 1166 Second Ave. W.
92	Cataraqui	Kingston	H. A. Graham, 382 Albert St.
101	Corinthian	Peterborough	R. F. Downey, 298 Boswell Ave.
103	Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	H. J. Johnston, Inland Revenue Dept.
105	St. Mark's	Niagara Falls	H. F. Garner, 209 Barker St.
107	St. Paul's	Lambeth	H. Pool, R. R. No. 1, Delaware
121	Doric	Biantford	T. R. Logan, 33 Alfred St.
123	Belleville	Belleville	John McCarthy, 59 Everett St.
139	Lebanon	Oshawa	H. A. Saunders, 112 William St. E.
144	Tecumseh	Stratford	F. S. Smith, 256 Downie St.
146	Prince of Wales	Newburg	Delbert Sexsmith, R.R. No. 1 Wilton
148	Civil Service	Ottawa	H. W. Lothrop, 331 James St.
149	Erie	Port Dover	J. C. King, R.R. No. 3, Simcoe
151	Grand River	Kitchener	P. Fisher, 11 Elgin St.
155	Peterborough	Peterborough	D. D. Brown, 400 George St.
156	York	Toronto	W. E. Hoiland, 415 1/2 Wellesley St.
171	Prince of Wales	Lawrence Sta.	Frank Coumts, Southwold Sta.
177	The Builders	Ottawa	J. J. McGill, 189 Centre St.
178	Plattsville	Plattsville	John Bristow, Bright
180	Speed	Guelph	Bard Whetstone, 90 Yorkshire St.
185	Enniskillen	York	E. S. Bradt, R. R. No. 5, Cayuga
195	Tuscan	London	B. H. Higgins, 496 Dundas St.
209a	St. John's	London	Edwin Smith, 207 Dundas St.
218	Stevenson	Toronto	H. C. H. Corneil, 328 Seaton St.
231	Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa	Robt. Shaw, 277 Cooper St.
234	Beaver	Clarksburg	Thos. G. Idle, Thornbury
247	Ashlar	Toronto	W. H. Lyon, 85 Isabella St.
253	Minden	Kingston	R. S. Graham, 236 Albert St.
254	Clifton	Niagara Falls	S. D. Warren, 16 Huron St.
257	Galt	Galt	E. F. Hetherington, 50 Cedar St.
258	Guelph	Guelph	F. F. Sweetman, 394 Woolwich St.
264	Chaudiere	Ottawa	Henry Gates, 35 Third Ave.
267	Parthenon	Chatham	J. G. Martin, 24 Lansdowne Ave
270	Cedar	Oshawa	Thos. Hawkes, 224 Mary St.
272	Seymour	Ancaster	W. G. D. Simpson, 109 Kent St., Hamilton

Lodge	Location	Secretary and P.O. Address
287...Shuniah.....	Port Arthur.....	A. P. Freed, 329 Van Norman St.
296...Semple.....	St. Catharines.....	C. W. Brown, 150½ St. Paul St.
299...Victoria.....	Centreville.....	A. M. Bell, Moscow
302...St. David's.....	St. Thomas.....	W. H. Stapleton, 12 Drake St.
304...Minerva.....	Stroud.....	I. B. Musselman, Craigvale
309...Morning Star.....	Carlow.....	R. D. Munro, Auburn
316...Doric.....	Toronto.....	Harry P. Reid, 384 Delaware Ave.
318...Wilmot.....	Baden.....	W. A. Ruthig, New Hamburg
324...Temple.....	Hamilton.....	E. L. Isard, 25 Glendale Cres.
326...Zetland.....	Toronto.....	H. A. Stephens, 22 Church St.
327...Hammond.....	Wardsville.....	Harry Harvey, R.R. No. 1, Glenceo
328...Ionic.....	Napier.....	W. T. Buchanan, R. R. No. 2, Kerwood
330...Corinthian.....	London.....	H. J. Childs, 487 King St.
332...Stratford.....	Stratford.....	E. Denroche, 185 Water St.
339...Orient.....	Toronto.....	W. E. Birrell, 272 Bay St.
343...Georgina.....	Toronto.....	Geo. Thompson, 419 Brunswick Ave.
344...Merrill.....	Dorchester.....	R. A. Logan, Dorchester
345...Nilestown.....	Nilestown.....	R. J. Carswell, 552 Hamilton Rd., London
346...Occident.....	Toronto.....	Wm. M. Williams, 44 Blantyre Av.
361...Waverley.....	Guelph.....	W. Simpson, 30 Douglas St.
364...Dufferin.....	Melbourne.....	Geo. J. Stevenson, R.R. No. 4 Appin
367...St. George.....	Toronto.....	A. B. Hutcheroff, 1451 A Dundas W.
369...Mimico.....	Lambton Mills.....	W. A. Beecroft, 64 Ellis Ave., Swansea
371...Prince of Wales.....	Ottawa.....	A. E. Revell, 28 Euclid Ave.
378...King Solomon's.....	London.....	Wm. Nicholls, 175 Wharcliffe Rd. N.
379...Middlesex.....	Bryanston.....	Edward Coleman R.R. No. 4, Iderton
380...Union.....	London.....	Jos. Ward, 97 Tecumseh Ave.
382...Doric.....	Hamilton.....	C. V. Emory, 91 Barnesdale Blvd.
384...Alpha.....	Toronto.....	E. J. Voss, 182 Galley Ave.
410...Zeta.....	Toronto.....	W. E. Robson, 179 Concord Ave.
415...Port William.....	Port William.....	C. E. Coombes, 228 N. Syndicate Av.
419...Liberty.....	Sarnia.....	W. J. Alcock, 189 Euphemia St.
426...Stanley.....	Toronto.....	Wm. Harris, 190 Osler Ave.
430...Acacia.....	Toronto.....	R. G. Allan, 2497 Danforth Ave.
434...Algonquin.....	Emsdale.....	Jas. Metcalfe, Katrine Sta.
437...Tuscan.....	Sarnia.....	W. J. Barrie, 170 N. Christina St.
438...Harmony.....	Toronto.....	Thos. Robertson, 190 Bingham Ave
453...Royal.....	Port William.....	F. C. Perry, 410 S. Vickers St.
469...Algoma.....	Sault Ste Marie.....	Wm Rubenstén, 374 Queen St. E.
473...The Beaches.....	Toronto.....	S. J. Manchester, 70 Edgewood Ave.
474...Victoria.....	Toronto.....	W. J. Wadsworth, 227 Glendon- wynne Rd.
481...Corinthian.....	Toronto.....	W. H. Hunter, 16 Havelock St.
494...Riverdale.....	Toronto.....	Jas. M. Malcolm, 742 Logan Ave
495...Electric.....	Hamilton.....	W. F. Montague, Drawer 349
496...University.....	Toronto.....	A. E. MacLean, 524 Markham St.
499...Port Arthur.....	Port Arthur.....	A. Rome, 123 Prospect Ave.
500...Rose.....	Windsor.....	M. P. McMaster, 516 Ouellette Av.
501...Connaught.....	Mimico.....	Geo. S. Brown, 135 Westminster Ave., Toronto
508...Ozias.....	Brantford.....	F. W. Benedict, City Hall
509...Twin City.....	Kitchener.....	Geo. DeKleinhans, 195 Queen St. S
510...Parkdale.....	Toronto.....	G. F. Buchanan, 15 Macdonell Ave.
513...Corinthian.....	Hamilton.....	J. R. Croft, 104 Burris St.
514...St. Alban's.....	Toronto.....	Geo. T. Gardiner, 3 Glen Gordon Rd
515...Reha.....	Brantford.....	S. W. Seago, 182 Brant Ave.
517...Hazeldean.....	Hazeldean.....	J. R. McGuire, R.R. No. 1, Stitts- ville
519...Onondaga.....	Onondaga.....	Arthur Barton, R.R. No. 1, Cains- ville
520...Coronati.....	Toronto.....	J. T. Stephenson, 105 Gates Ave.
521...Ontario.....	Windsor.....	J. R. Thomson, Room 4, City Hall
522...Mt. Sinai.....	Toronto.....	C. E. Garrard, 53 Imperial Bank Building
523...Royal Arthur.....	Peterborough.....	G. W. Haley, 631 George St.
524...Mississauga.....	Port Credit.....	W. M. Gemmill, Lorne Park
525...Temple.....	Toronto.....	Chas. W. Long, 104 Fallis Ave.
526...Ionic.....	Westboro'.....	Thos. Saunders, Woodroffe
528...Golden Beaver.....	Timmins.....	Geo. Murphy, Schumacher
531...High Park.....	Toronto.....	R. B. Magill, 538 W. Marion St.

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532	Canada	Toronto	J. E. Barker, 106 Withrow Ave.
533	Shamrock	Toronto	E. W. Leith, 84 Gothic Ave.
535	Phoenix	Fonthill	F. H. Clark, R.R. No. 2, Welland
537	Ulster	Toronto	Geo. Chambers, 211 Browning Ave
539	Waterloo	Waterloo	C. O. Hemphill, 56 Park Av.
541	Tuscan	Toronto	S. J. Jackson, 897 Bloor St. W.
542	Metropolitan	Toronto	J. A. Troyer, 2655 Yonge St.
543	Imperial	Toronto	F. S. McEwen, 45 Browning Ave.
544	Lincoln	Abingdon	T. F. McKinnell, R.R. No. 1, Caistor Centre
545	John Ross Robertson	Toronto	W. J. S. Graham, 16 Herbert Ave.
546	Talbot	St. Thomas	W. A. McPherson, 38 Metcalfe St.
547	Victory	Toronto	E. M. Patterson, 1263 Yonge St.
548	General Mercer	Toronto	C. H. Dearden, 141 Edna Ave.
549	Ionic	Hamilton	S. A. Wait, 105 Maple Ave.
550	Buchanan	Hamilton	Walter Peberdy, 74 East 24th. St.
551	Tuscan	Hamilton	T. W. Appleton, 296 Main St. E.
552	Queen City	Toronto	G. G. Spiacklin, 52 Garnock Ave.
553	Oakwood	Toronto	Wm. Hyndman, 107 Westmount A.
554	Border Cities	Windsor	E. T. Howe, 829 London St. W.
555	Wardrope	Hamilton	A. E. Wilcox, 154 Hess St. S.
558	Sidney Albert Luke	Ottawa	W. E. Hayes, 329 James St.
559	Palestine	Toronto	Harry Melvin, 1403 Ossington Ave.
560	St. Andrew's	Ottawa	F. C. Baker, 341a Elgin St.
562	Hamilton	Hamilton	D. R. Gibson, 87 Sanford Ave. S.
564	Ashlar	Ottawa	Wm. Short, 58 Creighton St.
565	Kilwinning	Toronto	Thos. Forsyth, 34 Lincoln Ave.
566	King Hiram	Toronto	I. G. Bruce, Box 114, Station "D"
567	St. Aidan's	Toronto	D. B. McCunn, 17 Balsam Ave.
570	Dufferin	Toronto	I. H. Burns, 256 Margueretta St.
571	Antiquity	Toronto	R. A. McDonald, 24 Highfield Ave.
572	Mizpah	Toronto	Wm. Creasy, 320 Montrose Ave.
573	Adoniram	Niagara Falls	H. M. Little, 501 Victoria Ave.
575	Fidelity	Toronto	W. Moull, 11 Lindsay Ave.
576	Mimosa	Toronto	N. L. Grant, 125 Dawes Rd.
577	St. Clair	Toronto	P. Bach, 183 Grace St.
578	Queen's	Kingston	E. W. Skinner, 28 Garrett St.
579	Harmony	Windsor	W. H. Kent, Walker Sons, Walkerville
580	Acacia	London	W. G. Harding, 320 Hyman St.
581	Harcourt	Toronto	F. D. Tolcher, 1020 Ossington Av
582	Sunnyside	Toronto	Dill McKerihen, 212 Pearson Ave.
584	Kaministiquia	Fort William	S. C. Read, 307 S. Norah St.
585	Royal Edward	Kingston	W. J. Saunders, 124 Beverley St.
586	War Veterans	Toronto	Sage Snider, 508 Durie St.
587	Patricia	Toronto	E. J. Reddick, 29 Abbott Ave,
589	Grey	Toronto	J. W. Tucker, 33 Regal Road
590	Defenders	Ottawa	Robt. Shipley, 517 Gilmour St.
591	North Gate	Toronto	A. W. Urmy, 48 Millwood Rd.
593	St. Andrew's	Hamilton	F. W. Davidson, 52 Barnesdale Ave S
594	Hillecrest	Hamilton	J. O. Ironside, 30 East 25th St.
595	Rideau	Ottawa	A. C. Wiltshire, 49 Third Ave.
597	Temple	London	C. M. Freeman, 645 Richmond St.
598	Dominion	Windsor	Ira. L. Arnott, 1451 Church St.
599	Mount Dennis	Mount Dennis	F. Thain, 2 Graydon Ave,
600	Maple Leaf	Toronto	W. J. Charles, 45 Park Side Drive
601	St. Paul	Sarnia	Wm. H. Hunt, 145 1/2 Front St.
602	Hugh Murray	Hamilton	A. E. Hutchinson, 52 1/2 Tom St.
604	Palace	Windsor	John A. McNab, 101 Peter St. Sandwich
605	Melita	Toronto	Fred. C. Becker, 339 1/2 Bathurst St.
606	Unity	Toronto	T. S. Evans, 1184 Bloor St. W.
607	Golden Fleece	Toronto	F. A. Beatty, 56 Stibbard Ave.
608	Gothic	Lindsay	W. R. Alley, 259 Kent St. W.
610	Ashlar	Byron	H. W. Thompson, Queen Alex. San London
611	Huron-Bruce	Toronto	R. J. Blaney, 217 Westmount Ave.
612	Birch Cliff	Birch Cliff	A. F. Robertson, 20 Warden Ave, Toronto
616	Perfection	St. Catharines	G. L. Sherk, 87 Queen St.
619	Runnymede	Toronto	W. McK. Hamshaw, 76 Glendale Av.
620	Bay of Quinte	Toronto	A. E. Jewett, 466 Gladstone Ave,

LIST OF LODGES--BY DISTRICTS

ALGOMA DISTRICT--(14 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Adam M. Taylor, Dryden

No. 287—Shuniah.....Port Arthur	No. 461—Ionic.....Rainy River
No. 414—Pequonga.....Kenora	No. 484—Golden Star.....Dryden
No. 415—Fort William...Fort William	No. 499—Port Arthur.....Port Arthur
No. 417—Keewatin.....Keewatin	No. 511—Connaught W. Fort William
No. 445—Lake of the Woods...Kenora	No. 518—Sioux Lookout Sioux L'kout
No. 446—Granite.....Fort Frances	No. 584—Kaministiquia Fort William
No. 453—Royal.....Fort William	No. 618—Thunder Bay Port Arthur

BRANT DISTRICT--(14 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. John P. Temple, Brantford

No. 35—St. Johns.....Cayuga	No. 243—St. George.....St. George
No. 45—Brant.....Brantford	No. 319—Hiram.....Hagersville
No. 82—St. Johns.....Paris	No. 329—King Solomon.....Jarvis
No. 106—Burford.....Burford	No. 505—Lynden.....Lynden
No. 113—Wilson.....Waterford	No. 508—Ozias.....Brantford
No. 121—Doric.....Brantford	No. 515—Reba.....Brantford
No. 193—Scotland.....Scotland	No. 519—Onondaga.....Onondaga

BRUCE DISTRICT--(12 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Francis W. Walker, Tara

No. 131—St. Lawrence...Southampton	No. 393—Forest.....Chesley
No. 197—Saugeen.....Walkerton	No. 396—Cedar.....Wiarton
No. 235—Aldworth.....Paisley	No. 429—Port Elgin.....Port Elgin
No. 262—Harriston.....Harriston	No. 431—Moravian.....Cargill
No. 315—Clifford.....Clifford	No. 432—Hanover.....Hanover
No. 362—Maple Leaf.....Tara	No. 436—Burns.....Hepworth

CHATHAM DISTRICT--(14 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Clements, Chatham

No. 46—Wellington.....Chatham	No. 327—Hammond.....Wardsville
No. 245—Tecumseh.....Thamesville	No. 336—Highgate.....Highgate
No. 255—Sydenham.....Dresden	No. 390—Florence.....Florence
No. 267—Parthenon.....Chatham	No. 391—Howard.....Ridgetown
No. 274—Kent.....Blenheim	No. 422—Star of the East...Bothwell
No. 282—Lorne.....Glencoe	No. 457—Century.....Merlin
No. 231—Pnyx.....Wallaceburg	No. 563—Victory.....Chatham

EASTERN DISTRICT--(18 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Thos. W. Munro, Maxville

No. 21a—St. Johns.....Vankleek Hill	No. 418—Maxville.....Maxville
No. 125—Cornwall.....Cornwall	No. 439—Alexandria.....Alexandria
No. 142—Excelsior.....Morrisburg	No. 450—Hawkesbury.....Hawkesbury
No. 143—Friendly Brothers...Iroquois	No. 452—Avonmore.....Avonmore
No. 186—Plantagenet.....Riceville	No. 458—Wales.....Wales
No. 207—Lancaster.....Lancaster	No. 480—Williamsburg...Williamsburg
No. 256—Farran's Point.....Aultsville	No. 491—Cardinal.....Cardinal
No. 320—Chesterville.....Chesterville	No. 557—Finch.....Finch
No. 383—Henderson.....Winchester	No. 596—Martintown.....Martintown

FRONTENAC DISTRICT--(18 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Wm. C. Crozier, Kingston

No. 3—Ancient St. Johns...Kingston	No. 253—Minden.....Kingston
No. 9—Union.....Napanee	No. 299—Victoria.....Centreville
No. 92—Cataraqui.....Kingston	No. 404—Lorne.....Tamworth
No. 109—Albion.....Harrowsmith	No. 441—Westport.....Westport
No. 119—Maple Leaf.....Bath	No. 460—Rideau.....Seeley's Bay
No. 146—Prince of Wales...Newburgh	No. 497—St. Andrew's.....Arden
No. 157—Simpson.....Newboro	No. 578—Queen's.....Kingston
No. 201—Leeds.....Gananoque	No. 585—Royal Edward.....Kingston
No. 228—Prince Arthur.....Odessa	No. 621—Frontenac.....Sharbot Lake

GEORGIAN DISTRICT—(19 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. R. D. Keefe, Penetanguishene

No. 90—Manito.....Collingwood	No. 304—Minerva.....Stroud
No. 96—Corinthian.....Barrie	No. 348—Georgian...Penetanguishene
No. 137—Pythagoras.....Meaford	No. 385—Spry.....Beeton
No. 192—Orillia.....Orillia	No. 444—Nitetis.....Creemore
No. 230—Kerr.....Barrie	No. 466—Coronation.....Elmvale
No. 234—Beaver.....Clarksburg	No. 467—Tottenham.....Tottenham
No. 236—Manitoba.....Cookstown	No. 470—Victoria...Victoria Harbour
No. 249—Caledonian.....Midland	No. 492—Karnak.....Coldwater
No. 266—Northern Light.....Stayner	No. 538—Earl Kitchener.Pt.McNicol
No. 285—Seven Star.....Alliston	

GREY DISTRICT—(12 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Samuel Patterson, Shelburne

No. 88—St. George's.....Owen Sound	No. 333—Prince Arthur.....Flesherton
No. 200—St. Alban's.....Mount Forest	No. 334—Prince Arthur.....Arthur
No. 216—Harris.....Orangeville	No. 377—Lorne.....Shelburne
No. 271—Wellington.....Erin	No. 421—Scott.....Grand Valley
No. 306—Durham.....Durham	No. 449—Dundalk.....Dundalk
No. 322—North Star.....Owen Sound	No. 490—Hiram.....Markdale

HAMILTON DISTRICT A—(16 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Fred. R. Martin, Hamilton

No. 6—Barton.....Hamilton	No. 357—Waterdown.....Millgrove
No. 40—St. Johns.....Hamilton	No. 400—Oakville.....Oakville
No. 100—Valley.....Dundas	No. 475—Waldurn.....Hamilton
No. 135—St. Clair.....Milton	No. 513—Corinthian.....Hamilton
No. 165—Burlington.....Burlington	No. 551—Tuscan.....Hamilton
No. 272—Seymour.....Ancaster	No. 562—Hamilton.....Hamilton
No. 291—Dufferin.....W. Flamboro	No. 602—Hugh Murray.....Hamilton
No. 324—Temple.....Hamilton	No. 603—Campbell.....Campbellville

HAMILTON DISTRICT B—(15 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. John Forth, Hamilton

No. 7—Union.....Grimsby	No. 495—Electric.....Hamilton
No. 27—Strict Observance Hamilton	No. 544—Lincoln.....Abingdon
No. 57—Harmony.....Binbrook	No. 549—Ionic.....Hamilton
No. 61—Acacia.....Hamilton	No. 550—Buchanan.....Hamilton
No. 62—St. Andrews.....Caledonia	No. 555—Wardrope.....Hamilton
No. 166—Wentworth.....Stoney Creek	No. 593—St. Andrews.....Hamilton
No. 185—Enniskillen.....York	No. 594—Hillcrest.....Hamilton
No. 382—Doric.....Hamilton	

LONDON DISTRICT—(23 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. Birnie Smith, London

No. 20—St. John's.....London	No. 358—Delaware Valley...Delaware
No. 42—St. George's.....London	No. 378—King Solomon's.....London
No. 64—Kilwinning.....London	No. 379—Middlesex.....Bryanston
No. 107—St. Paul's.....Lambeth	No. 380—Union.....London
No. 190—Belmont.....Belmont	No. 388—Henderson.....Ilderton
No. 195—Tuscan.....London	No. 394—King Solomon...Thamesford
No. 209a—St. John's.....London	No. 399—Moffat.....Harrietsville
No. 289—Doric.....Lobo	No. 529—Myra.....Komoka
No. 300—Mount Olivet.....Thorndale	No. 580—Acacia.....London
No. 330—Corinthian.....London	No. 597—Temple.....London
No. 344—Merrill.....Dorchester Sta.	No. 610—Ashlar.....Byron
No. 345—Nilestown.....Nilestown	

MUSKOKA DISTRICT—(8 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. John J. Wilson, Burk's Falls

No. 352—Granite.....Parry Sound	No. 423—Strong.....Sundridge
No. 360—Muskoka.....Bracebridge	No. 434—Algonquin.....Elmsdale
No. 376—Unity.....Huntsville	No. 443—Powassan.....Powassan
No. 409—Golden Rule.....Gravenhurst	No. 454—Corona.....Burk's Falls

NIAGARA DISTRICT—(24 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Chas. S. Bravin, Welland**

No. 2—Niagara.....Niagara	No. 337—Myrtle.....Port Robinson
No. 15—St. George's St. Catharines	No. 338—Dufferin.....Wellandport
No. 32—Amity.....Dunnville	No. 372—Palmer.....Bridgeburg
No. 103—Maple Leaf St. Catharines	No. 373—Copestone.....Welland
No. 105—St. Marks.....Niagara Falls	No. 471—King Edward VII Chippawa
No. 115—Ivy.....Beamsville	No. 502—Corozation.....Smithville
No. 168—Merritt.....Welland	No. 535—Phoenix.....Fonthill
No. 169—Macnab.....Pt. Colborne	No. 573—Adoniram.....Niagara Falls
No. 221—Mountain.....Thorold	Zo. 613—Fort Erie.....Fort Erie
No. 254—Clifton.....Niagara Falls	No. 614—Adanac.....Merrittton
No. 277—Seymour.....Port Dalhousie	No. 615—Dominion.....Ridgeway
No. 296—Temple.....St. Catharines	No. 616—Perfection.....St. Catharines

NIPISSING DISTRICT—(16 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Robt. C. Dobie, Thessalon**

No. 405—Mattawa.....Mattawa	No. 472—Gore Bay.....Gore Bay
No. 412—Keystone Sault Ste. Marie	No. 487—Penewobikong..Blind River
No. 420—Nipissing.....North Bay	No. 527—Espanola.....Espanola
No. 427—Nickel.....Sudbury	No. 536—Algonquin.....Copper Cliff
No. 442—Dyment.....Thessalon	No. 588—National.....Capreol
No. 447—Sturgeon Fa. Sturgeon Falls	No. 617—North Bay.....North Bay
No. 455—Doric.....Little Current	No. 622—Lorne.....Chapleau
No. 469—Algoma.....Sault Ste. Marie	U.D.—Hatherly Sault Ste. Marie

NORTH HURON DISTRICT—(12 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Herbert J. Jobb, Wingham**

No. 93—Northern Light..Kincardine	No. 286—Wingham.....Wingham
No. 162—Forest.....Wroxeter	No. 303—Blyth.....Blyth
No. 184—Old Light.....Lucknow	No. 314—Blair.....Palmerston
No. 225—Bernard.....Listowel	No. 331—Fordwich.....Fordwich
No. 276—Teeswater.....Teeswater	No. 341—Bruce.....Tiverton
No. 284—St. Johns.....Brussels	No. 568—Hullett.....Londesboro

ONTARIO DISTRICT—(12 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Wilbert F. Rickard, Newcastle**

No. 17—St. John's.....Cobourg	No. 91—Colborne.....Colborne
No. 26—Ontario.....Port Hope	No. 114—Hope.....Port Hope
No. 30—Comsite.....Whitby	No. 139—Lebanon.....Oshawa
No. 31—Jerusalem.....Bowmanville	No. 270—Cedar.....Oshawa
No. 39—Mount Zion.....Brooklin	No. 325—Orono.....Orono
No. 66—Durham.....Newcastle	No. 428—Fidelity.....Port Perry

OTTAWA DISTRICT—(27 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Edward J. McCleery, Ottawa**

No. 52—Dalhousie.....Ottawa	No. 459—Cobden.....Cobden
No. 58—Doric.....Ottawa	No. 465—Carleton.....Carp
No. 63—St. John's.....Carleton Place	No. 476—Corinthian.....North Gower
No. 122—Renfrew.....Renfrew	No. 479—Russell.....Russell
No. 128—Pembroke.....Pembroke	No. 516—Enterprise.....Beachburg
No. 147—Mississippi.....Almonte	No. 517—Hazeldean.....Hazeldean
No. 148—Civil Service.....Ottawa	No. 526—Ionic.....Westboro
No. 159—Goodwood.....Richmond	No. 538—Sidney Albert Luke Ottawa
No. 177—The Builders.....Ottawa	No. 560—St. Andrew's.....Ottawa
No. 196—Madawaska.....Arnprior	No. 561—Acacia.....Westboro
No. 231—Lodge of Fidelity.....Ottawa	No. 564—Ashlar.....Ottawa
No. 264—Chaudiere.....Ottawa	No. 590—Defenders.....Ottawa
No. 371—Prince of Wales.....Ottawa	No. 595—Rideau.....Ottawa
No. 433—Bonnechere.....Eganville	

PETERBOROUGH DISTRICT—(10 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. H. R. H. Kenner, Peterborough**

No. 101—Corinthian.....Peterborough	No. 223—Norwood.....Norwood
No. 126—Golden Rule.....Campbellford	No. 313—Clementi.....Lakefield
No. 145—J. B. Hall.....Millbrook	No. 374—Keene.....Keene
No. 155—Peterborough.....Peterborough	No. 435—Havelock.....Havelock
No. 161—Percy.....Warkworth	No. 523—Royal Arthur Peterborough

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT—(16 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Wm. W. Fitzgerald, Wellington**

No. 11—Moir	Belleville	No. 127—Franck	Frankford
No. 18—Prince Edward	Pictou	No. 164—Star in the East	Wellington
No. 29—United	Brighton	No. 215—Lake	Ameliasburg
No. 38—Trent	Trenton	No. 222—Marmora	Marmora
No. 48—Madoc	Madoc	No. 239—Tweed	Tweed
No. 50—Consecon	Consecon	No. 283—Eureka	Belleville
No. 69—Stirling	Stirling	No. 401—Craig	Deseronto
No. 123—Belleville	Belleville	No. 482—Bancroft	Bancroft

SARNIA DISTRICT,—(21 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Wm. A. Graham, Inwood**

No. 56—Victoria	Sarnia	No. 307—Arkona	Arkona
No. 81—St. Johns	Mount Brydges	No. 323—Alvinston	Alvinston
No. 83—Beaver	Strathroy	No. 328—Ionic	Napier
No. 116—Cassia	Theford	No. 392—Huron	Camlachie
No. 153—Burns	Wyoming	No. 397—Leopold	Brigden
No. 158—Alexandra	Oil Springs	No. 419—Liberty	Sarnia
No. 194—Petrolia	Petrolia	No. 425—St. Clair	Sarnia
No. 238—Havelock	Watford	No. 437—Tuscan	Sarnia
No. 260—Washington	Petrolia	No. 503—Inwood	Inwood
No. 263—Forest	Forest	No. 601—St. Paul	Sarnia
No. 294—Moore	Courtright		

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT—(18 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Chas. Aberhart, Seaforth**

No. 33—Maitland	Goderich	No. 233—Doric	Parkhill
No. 73—St. James	St. Mary's	No. 309—Morning Star	Carlow
No. 84—Clinton	Clinton	No. 332—Stratford	Stratford
No. 133—Lebanon Forest	Exeter	No. 456—Elma	Monkton
No. 141—Tudor	Mitchell	No. 478—Milverton	Milverton
No. 144—Tecumseh	Stratford	No. 483—Granton	Granton
No. 154—Irving	Lucan	No. 493—St. Mary's	St. Mary's
No. 170—Britannia	Seaforth	No. 574—Craig	Ailsa Craig
No. 224—Zurich	Hensall	No. 609—Tavistock	Tavistock

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT—(18 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Wm. T. Ferguson, Smith's Falls**

No. 5—Sussex	Brockville	No. 242—Macoy	Mallorytown
No. 14—True Britons	Perth	No. 368—Salem	Brockville
No. 24—St. Francis	Smith's Falls	No. 370—Harmony	Delta
No. 28—Mount Zion	Kemptville	No. 387—Lansdowne	Lansdowne
No. 55—Merrickville	Merrickville	No. 389—Crystal F'tain N.	Augusta
No. 74—St. James	South Augusta	No. 416—Lyn	Lyn
No. 85—Rising Sun	Athens	No. 489—Osiris	Smith's Falls
No. 110—Central	Prescott	No. 504—Otter	Lombardy
No. 209—Evergreen	Lanark	No. 556—Nation	Spencerville

ST. THOMAS DISTRICT—(11 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Jos. H. Burke, Port Stanley**

No. 44—St. Thomas	St. Thomas	No. 302—St. Davids	St. Thomas
No. 94—St. Marks	Port Stanley	No. 364—Duffrin	Melbourne
No. 120—Warren	Fingal	No. 386—McColl	West Lorne
No. 140—Malahide	Aylmer	No. 411—Rodney	Rodney
No. 171—Prince of Wales, Lawrence St.		No. 546—Talbot	St. Thomas
No. 232—Cameron	Dutton		

TEMISKAMING DISTRICT—(10 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Thos. E. Armstrong, Cobalt**

No. 462—Temiskaming New Liskeard		No. 528—Golden Beaver	Timmins
No. 485—Haileybury	Haileybury	No. 530—Cochrane	Cochrane
No. 486—Silver	Cobalt	No. 534—Englehart	Englehart
No. 506—Porcupine	Porcupine	No. 540—Abitibi	Iroquois Falls
No. 507—Elk Lake	Elk Lake	No. 623—Doric	Kirkland Lake

TORONTO DISTRICT A—(24 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Chas. S. Hall, Toronto**

No. 229—Ionic.....	Brampton	No. 531—High Park.....	Toronto
No. 305—Humber.....	Weston	No. 548—General Mercer.....	Toronto
No. 346—Occident.....	Toronto	No. 565—Kilwinning.....	Toronto
No. 356—River Park.....	Streetsville	No. 566—King Hiram.....	Toronto
No. 369—Mimico.....	Lambton Mills	No. 575—Fidelity.....	Toronto
No. 426—Stanley.....	Toronto	No. 582—Sunnyside.....	Toronto
No. 474—Victoria.....	Toronto	No. 583—Transportation.....	Toronto
No. 501—Connaught.....	Mimico	No. 587—Patricia.....	Toronto
No. 510—Parkdale.....	Toronto	No. 599—Mt. Dennis.....	Toronto
No. 522—Mt. Sinai.....	Toronto	No. 600—Maple Leaf.....	Toronto
No. 524—Mississauga.....	Port Credit	No. 605—Melita.....	Toronto
No. 525—Temple.....	Toronto	No. 619—Runnymede.....	Toronto

TORONTO DISTRICT B—(26 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Jas. M. Malcolm, Toronto**

No. 16—St. Andrews.....	Toronto	No. 430—Acacia.....	Toronto
No. 25—Ionic.....	Toronto	No. 464—King Edward.....	Sunderland
No. 75—St. John's.....	Toronto	No. 473—Beaches.....	Toronto
No. 87—Markham Union.....	Markham	No. 494—Riverdale.....	Toronto
No. 136—Richardson.....	Stouffville	No. 520—Cronati.....	Toronto
No. 218—Stevenson.....	Toronto	No. 532—Canada.....	Toronto
No. 220—Zeredatha.....	Uxbridge	No. 543—Imperial.....	Toronto
No. 269—Brougham Union.....	Claremont	No. 545—Jno Ross Robert-on.....	Toronto
No. 316—Doric.....	Toronto	No. 552—Queen City.....	Toronto
No. 339—Orient.....	Toronto	No. 567—St. Aidans.....	Toronto
No. 343—Georgina.....	Toronto	No. 576—Mimosa.....	Toronto
No. 354—Brock.....	Cannington	No. 612—Birch Cliff.....	Birch Cliff
No. 424—Doric.....	Pickering	No. 620—Bay of Quinte.....	Toronto

TORONTO DISTRICT C—(23 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. John G. McDonald, Aurora**

No. 22—King Solomon.....	Toronto	No. 438—Harmony.....	Toronto
No. 23—Richmond.....	Richmond Hill	No. 481—Corinthian.....	Toronto
No. 65—Rehoboam.....	Toronto	No. 512—Malone.....	Sutton
No. 79—Simcoe.....	Bradford	No. 542—Metropolitan.....	Toronto
No. 86—Wilson.....	Toronto	No. 553—Oakwood.....	Toronto
No. 97—Sharon.....	Queensville	No. 577—St. Clair.....	Toronto
No. 99—Tuscan.....	Newmarket	No. 581—Harcourt.....	Toronto
No. 129—Rising Sun.....	Aurora	No. 591—North Gate.....	Toronto
No. 156—York.....	Toronto	No. 592—Fairbank.....	Toronto
No. 247—Ashlar.....	Toronto	No. 606—Unity.....	Toronto
No. 265—Patterson.....	Thornhill	No. 607—Golden Fleece.....	Toronto
No. 326—Zetland.....	Toronto		

TORONTO DISTRICT D—(22 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Lewis E. Lane, Toronto**

No. 54—Vaughan.....	Maple	No. 533—Shamrock.....	Toronto
No. 98—True Blue.....	Bolton	No. 537—Ulster.....	Toronto
No. 118—Union.....	Schomberg	No. 541—Tuscan.....	Toronto
No. 292—Robertson.....	King	No. 547—Victory.....	Toronto
No. 311—Blackwood.....	Woodbridge	No. 559—Palestine.....	Toronto
No. 367—St. George.....	Toronto	No. 570—Dufferin.....	Toronto
No. 384—Alpha.....	Toronto	No. 571—Antiquity.....	Toronto
No. 410—Zeta.....	Toronto	No. 572—Mizpah.....	Toronto
No. 468—Peel.....	Caledon East	No. 586—War Veterans.....	Toronto
No. 496—University.....	Toronto	No. 589—Grey.....	Toronto
No. 514—St. Alban's.....	Toronto	No. 611—Huron-Bruce.....	Toronto

VICTORIA DISTRICT—(12 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Chas. W. Burgoyne, Fenelon Falls**

No. 77—Faithful Brethren.....	Lindsay	No. 440—Arcadia.....	Minden
No. 268—Verulam.....	Bobcaygeon	No. 451—Somerville.....	Kinmount
No. 375—Lorne.....	Ormelee	No. 463—North Entrance.....	Haliburton
No. 398—Victoria.....	Kirkfield	No. 477—Harding.....	Woodville
No. 406—Spry.....	Fenelon Falls	No. 498—King George V.....	Coboconk
No. 408—Murray.....	Beaverton	No. 608—Gothic.....	Lindsay

WELLINGTON DISTRICT—(18 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Chas. R. Penfold, Guelph**

No. 72—Alma.....	Galt	No. 279—New Hope.....	Hespeler
No. 151—Grand River.....	Kitchener	No. 295—Conestogo.....	Drayton
No. 172—Ayr.....	Ayr	No. 297—Preston.....	Preston
No. 180—Speed.....	Guelph	No. 318—Wilmot.....	Baden
No. 203—Irvine.....	Elora	No. 321—Walker.....	Acton
No. 205—New Dom'on, NewHamburg		No. 347—Mercer.....	Fergus
No. 219—Credit.....	Georgetown	No. 361—Waverley.....	Guelph
No. 257—Galt.....	Galt	No. 509—Twin City.....	Kitchener
No. 258—Guelph.....	Guelph	No. 539—Waterloo.....	Waterloo

WILSON DISTRICT—(19 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Max MacPherson, Delhi**

No. 10—Norfolk.....	Simcoe	No. 178—Plattsville.....	Plattsville
No. 37—King Hiram.....	Ingersoll	No. 181—Oriental.....	Port Burwell
No. 43—King Solomon's.....	Woodstock	No. 217—Frederick.....	Delhi
No. 68—St. John's.....	Ingersoll	No. 237—Vienna.....	Vienna
No. 76—Oxford.....	Woodstock	No. 250—Thistle.....	Embro
No. 78—King Hiram.....	Tillsonburg	No. 259—Springfield.....	Springfield
No. 104—St. Jo m's.....	Norwich	No. 261—Oak Branch.....	Innerkip
No. 108—Blenheim.....	Princeton	No. 359—Vittoria.....	Vittoria
No. 149—Erie.....	Port Dover	No. 569—Doric.....	Lakeside
No. 174—Walsingham.....	Port Rowan		

WINDSOR DISTRICT—(16 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Forbes B. Geddes, Essex**

No. 34—Thistle.....	Amherstburg	No. 448—Xenophon.....	Wheatley
No. 41—St. George.....	Kingsville	No. 488—King Edward.....	Harrow
No. 47—Great Western.....	Windsor	No. 500—Rose.....	Windsor
No. 290—Leamington.....	Leamington	No. 521—Ontario.....	Windsor
No. 395—Parvaim.....	Comber	No. 554—Border Cities.....	Windsor
No. 402—Central.....	Essex	No. 579—Harmony.....	Windsor
No. 403—Windsor.....	Windsor	No. 598—Dominion.....	Windsor
No. 413—Naphthali.....	Tilbury	No. 604—Palace.....	Windsor

RECAPITULATION

Algoma District.....	14 Lodges
Brant District.....	14 Lodges
Bruce District.....	12 Lodges
Chatham District.....	14 Lodges
Eastern District.....	18 Lodges
Frontenac District.....	18 Lodges
Georgian District.....	19 Lodges
Grey District.....	12 Lodges
Hamilton A District.....	16 Lodges
Hamilton B District.....	15 Lodges
London.....	23 Lodges
Muskoka District.....	8 Lodges
Niagara District.....	24 Lodges
Nipissing District.....	16 Lodges
North Huron District.....	12 Lodges
Ontario District.....	12 Lodges
Ottawa District.....	27 Lodges
Peterborough District.....	10 Lodges
Prince Edward District.....	16 Lodges
Sarnia District.....	21 Lodges
South Huron District.....	18 Lodges
St. Lawrence District.....	18 Lodges
St. Thomas.....	11 Lodges
Temiskaming District.....	10 Lodges
Toronto A District.....	24 Lodges
Toronto B District.....	26 Lodges
Toronto C District.....	23 Lodges
Toronto D District.....	22 Lodges
Victoria District.....	12 Lodges
Wellington District.....	18 Lodges
Wilson District.....	19 Lodges
Windsor District.....	16 Lodges

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14—A. L. Milne. 20—G. W. Griffin. 40—H. E. Collins. 81—J. R. Waters.

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2—J. Fyfe, Oct. 26.; R. L. Field, Nov. 20. 3—H. J. B. Bray, Jan. 7; T. Mills, March, 6; J. A. I. Robertson, Apr. 25; D. E. Mundell, June 11; N. I. Greenwood, Sept. 1; J. W. Campbell, Oct. 11; J. T. White, Oct. 15. 5—R. C. R. Shepherd, Feb. 9; E. H. Glazier, May 18; H. C. Davison, May 25; R. J. Shannon, June 5; C. I. Manuel, Aug. 6; A. E. Coates, Aug. 8; A. J. Courtice, Oct. 4; W. H. Wallis, Nov. 5; F. J. Skinner, Dec. 5. 6—W. Lees, Feb. 5; C. M. Sinclair, Jan. 17; J. Hoodless, Jan. 25; W. F. McGiverin, Apr. 26; G. W. Brown, May 25; D. Duncan, June 29; G. M. Hunt, Aug. 12; H. Robertson, Sept. 19; C. R. Hubbard, Oct. 21. 7—G. R. Secor, Mar. 25; F. E. Hewitt, June 18; A. Carlisle, Apr. 22. 9—E. Perry, Feb. 25; W. F. Gerow, Apr. 19; F. W. VanDusen, May 16; J. P. Voorman, Aug. 20. 10—C. Grant, Jan. 25; W. L. Munro, Apr. 6. 11—L. Louis, Feb. 2; W. Carnew, Feb. 5; J. F. Anderson, June 18; N. Vermilyea, Oct. 2; J. Kain, Oct. 21. 14—D. G. McMartin, Apr. 12; R. Cameron, May 1; C. H. Foote, May 20; W. H. Waddell, Oct. 30. 15—R. R. Secord, Apr. 6; E. Gander, Apr. 25; W. Easkins, Dec. 14; J. M. Cameron, Dec. 26. 16—F. A. Lewis, Feb. 18; F. M. Bell-Smith, June 23; J. A. Woodward, July 27; A. E. Wheeler, Oct. 5; H. McMurray, Oct. 27; W. C. Skelding, Dec. 12; C. A. Bennett, Dec. 18. 17—J. Henderson, Mar. 2; B. Westlake, Apr. 1; A. J. Armstrong, Jan. 25; J. Dickson, Apr. 11; W. J. Johnston, Dec. 22. 18—T. E. Shaw, Apr. 8; J. Clifton, Apr. 9; J. Huff, Aug. 24; S. J. Cotter, Nov. 8. 20—C. Clark, Apr. 11; D. McMillan, Jan. 15; A. E. Caddy, Oct. 5; C. A. Graham Oct. 10, 1922; J. H. Tennant, June 28; H. Macklin, Sept. 9. 21A—T. Dick, Apr. 12. 22—C. Lemon, Jan. 30; J. Lamb, Jan. 31; J. Lucas, June 15; R. Walker, June 27; J. Laxton, Aug. 15; D. MacKay, Oct. 6; D. R. Roberts, Oct. 8. 25—J. B. Boomer, Apr. 10. 26—E. H. Fogarty, Apr. 26; G. N. Giddy, Apr. 26; G. H. Hogg, no date. 27—J. Wagstaff, Jan. 22; O. S. Hillman, Feb. 2; J. Small, Feb. 6; R. B. Cheyne, Feb. 16; J. W. Bartmann, Feb. 23; W. F. McGiverin, Apr. 26; R. E. Devine, Sept. 16; J. Farley, Sept. 26; E. J. Wilkins, Oct. 2; R. H. Hicks, Nov. 11; J. J. Merrman, July 8; J. S. Hendrie, July 17. 28—W. A. Parkinson, Jan. 1; A. S. Hyndman, June 2. 29—G. H. Craig, Dec. 22. 30—J. A. Connor, Dec. 24. 31—R. Dumas, Jan. 20; T. Tod, June 28; A. Colwell, Nov. 23. 32—G. E. Blackwell, Jan. 16; R. C. Murdy, Nov. 7. 33—R. Radcliffe, Apr. 18; J. Straiton, Sept. 12. 34—J. M. Gibb, Jan. 9; L. T. Bray, May 10; J. G. Houston, Sept. 11. 35—J. Ralston, Feb. 6; W. Pridmore, June 5. 37—W. J. Elliott, Jan. 15; F. McDougall, Feb. 7; R. Stanley, Nov. 12. 38—J. E. Devline, Dec. 23, 1922; J. Knox, Jan. 24; M. B. Morrison, Mar. 9; W. W. White, May 1; C. H. Boardman, Sept. 24; J. W. Crews, Oct. 12; E. T. Marsh, Oct. 24. 39—T. Porter, Dec. 25. 40—A. Robbins, Jan. 4; W. Marshall, Jan. 6; W. G. Reid, Feb. 20; W. Hyslop, Mar. 2; E. Layland, Mar. 4; W. J. McFadden, June 5; S. J. Jones, Aug. 11. 41—J. H. White, Nov. 22. 42—W. Hayman, Feb. 20; R. N. Bates, April, 1920; J. Priddis, Aug. 30; C. E. Swift, Dec. 9; J. H. Deeks, Dec. 12. 43—R. Paterson, May 7; G. Patrick, Mar. 17; J. Butler, Dec. 6. 44—G. L. Frazer, Mar. 2; G. A. Shannon, Apr. 22; W. T. Mailing, May 18; D. Brown, Dec. 3; W. Stubbs, Nov. 12. 45—G. W. Liddell, Jan. 18; W. H. Ankers, May 18; I. F. Millar, Oct. 3; J. McKenzie, Oct. 8; D. Watson, Dec. 10. 46—R. A. Harrington, Feb. 18; A. J. MacGregor, Jan. 20; J. Davidson, June 2; W. A. Hadley, Sept. 8; J. Holmes, Oct. 18; L. F. Wilson, Nov. 20; W. S. Verrall, Nov. 25. 47—E. S. Crump, Feb.; E. H. Airtres, Feb. 22; J. Atkinson, July 5; J. E. Picken, July 15; E. L. Bennett, July 19; G. W. Bolton, July 28; C. H. Merritt, Aug. 17; A. M. Smith, Oct. 31; J. J. A. Whittaker, Nov. 19; J. S. Master, Nov. 28; J. K. Holland, Dec. 22; T. E. Bennett, Dec. 23; C. L. Baker, Dec. 26. 48—J. M. Chatterton, no date. 50—J. Humphrey, Nov. 11; R. L. Smith, Nov. 26. 52—G. L. Case, Mar. 25; C. B. Robinson, June 11; R. Traverse, Feb. 21; G. S. May, Dec. 29, 1922; H. Cross, Apr. 13; H. H. Pitts, Mar. 8; G. Parker, Feb. 24; J. S. MacMurchy, Nov. 1; J. E. West, Dec. 7; C. E. Sills, Dec. 1; R. G. Chamberlain, Dec. 24; W. H. Easton, Nov. 1; C. S. Scott, Oct. 22. 54—J. H. Watson, Jan. 2. 55—T. Culbert, Mar. 8; R. H. Henry, July 29. 56—W. A. Wiggins, Dec. 29, 1922; J. W. Simpson, Dec. 3; J. W. Weston, Dec. 4. 67—I. Clarke, Feb. 15; J. Barlow, Oct. 31. 58—G. B. Campbell, Jan. 9; A. McLellan, Feb. 19; W. W. Williams, Mar. 9; J. H. Andrew, June 30; C. J. Coulter, Aug. 2; T. J. Bates, Sept. 6; W. C. Wallace, Sept. 28; F. J. Graham, Sept. 4. 61—J. Lyon, Mar. 11; G. Schaubel, Mar. 5; G. S. Brewster, Mar. 15; G. Argent, May 21; C. O. Jackson, Oct. 24; F. J. McGee, Nov. 1; H. C. Sache, Nov. 14. 62—J. W. C. Young, June 4; J. Douglas, June 20. 63—T. Barrie, May 23; P. McLaren, Oct. 3; A. T.

Hudson, Oct. 26. 64—J. Ferguson, Feb. 23; T. Carrothers, Mar. 13; W. C. Tanner, Aug. 28; J. A. W. McKay, Oct. 24; T. H. Purdon, Nov. 14; G. B. Harris, Nov. 16. 65—J. H. Kenyon, Dec. 27; 1922; C. Heys, Jan. 1; J. Heys, Jan. 13; F. C. Warde, Mar. 13; T. Eversfield, Aug. 8; S. Brown, Aug. 27; C. C. Mowry, Sept. 17. 66—J. E. Fleming, June 15. 68—E. R. Farewell, July, 23. 69—D. W. Fargey, Mar. 16; J. Langian, Oct. 15. 73—R. McKay, Mar. 23; E. G. Day, July 26; H. F. Sharpe, Sept. 25. 74—J. Perry, June 30. 75—J. M. Dods, Jan. 19; F. T. Grant, May 25; J. Moerschfelder, May 31; J. R. Sutherland, June 18; S. B. Clarke, June 25; R. T. Dean, Aug. 7; A. E. Leverty, Dec. 3; J. M. Owston, Dec. 9. 76—W. H. Hill, Apr. 19; M. Dawes, June 23; W. E. Leadbeater, Jan. 6; H. P. Willamett, Nov. 16. 77—C. L. Carew, Jan. 9; T. A. Fisher, Mar. 25; H. A. Middleton, Aug. 10; A. Lipsett, Dec. 7. 78—O. D. Oatman, Feb. 22; E. S. Phelps, Nov. 7. 81—R. H. Wolton, Jan. 24; J. Gamble, Mar. 6. 82—G. J. Smith, May 25; R. J. Aitkin, Oct. 10. 83—J. Ferguson, Apr. 2. 84—J. Thompson, Sept. 20. 85—L. F. Bates, July 3. 86—R. West, Oct. 31; 1922; G. Duthie, Jan. 15; G. Scott, Feb. 17; W. Hooley, Mar. 13; J. H. Mitcheson, Apr. 17; A. R. Riches, May 19; T. R. DeGeer, June 17; N. S. McGibbons, Dec. 2. 87—A. Cameron, Dec. 3; J. Fleming, June 14. 88—W. J. McLean, Aug. 19; C. Hall, Oct. 6. 90—F. B. Gregory, Feb. 14; C. E. Knox, Mar. 17; D. T. N. Mitchell, Apr. 8; H. Robertson, Sept. 19. 91—W. Pickworth, Sept. 14. 92—S. Hall, Jan. 29; H. A. Thornton, Feb. 26; A. H. Warwick, Mar. 16; W. Wishart, May 16. 93—J. A. MacPherson, Jan. 23; W. Millar, Apr. 9; F. Sellery, May 2, A. Shoebottom, May 12; R. Madden, Dec. 27. 94—A. Hogg, May 5; G. Shannon, Apr. 26; F. J. Voaden, Aug. 1; C. Jackson, Aug. 26. 96—R. King, Feb. 28; G. R. Bell, May 15; G. S. Lawrence, Sept. 27. 97—E. Rose, May 6; J. Brodie, Feb. 2. 98—J. G. Kingsborough, July 24; R. Roberts Oct. 14. 99—H. E. Choppin, Nov. 2; H. S. Belfry, Sept. 14; D. Roche, Dec. 10. 100—J. M. Binkley, Nov. 26. 1922. 101—T. Quartermaine, Oct. 26. 103—J. Turner, Mar. 4; A. J. Wooding, June 9; R. E. Borcham, Apr. 29; J. M. Savage, Aug. 12; H. Chestnut, July 11. 105—G. Ecker, Feb. 24; H. P. Hooper, Sept. 12; C. Patten, Nov. 19. 106—J. P. Williams, Oct. 19. 107—D. Bogue, Nov. 22. 108—R. E. Ecclestone, Feb. 11; C. Shoultz, Nov. 2. 109—J. C. Campbell, June 17; W. Burton, Oct. 8. 110—H. M. Featherstone, Apr. 21; C. Baker, May 17; R. J. Connell, Sept. 25. 113—W. Massecar, Mar. 28; A. M. Tobin, June 2; W. Smith, June 3. 114—E. H. Fogarty, Apr. 26. 115—J. Gibson, Mar. 29; R. P. Moore, Oct. 25; J. P. Osborne, Nov. 27; W. Grover, Nov. 30. 116—H. S. Clarke, Mar. 2. 120—S. E. Burwell, June 19; R. W. Waters, Dec. 28. 121—J. C. Spence, May 21. 122—C. J. White, May 21; C. McDonnell, Aug. 25. 123—J. M. McCowan, Feb. 19; E. Naylor, Mar. 15; J. Williams, June 18; E. C. Denyes, Dec. 18. 125—C. B. Harding, June 17. 126—R. Linton, Oct. 13. 128—H. S. Bowden, June 16. 129—C. Leman, Mar. 23; J. Elliott, Aug. 9. 133—L. H. Dickson, Dec. 17. 136—J. H. Millard, June 23; W. A. Roe, July 7. 139—A. B. Ford, Mar. 2. 141—J. D. Phillips, Mar. 9; G. A. Ellis, May 21; A. M. Cook, Aug. 27. 142—G. Dill, Aug. 20; A. Brown, Sept. 3. 143—G. C. Currie, Feb. 11. J. Raycraft, Oct. 24; T. W. Hare, Oct. 19. 144—J. Torrance, May 11; W. Boles, May 25; J. H. Gould July 19; S. C. Calcott, Sept. 21. 146—A. Knight, Jan., 1923. 147—L. Jawson, Jan.; W. Smith, Jan.; J. F. Bain, May. G. T. Lawton, Nov. 22. 148—T. Gairrett, Feb. 21; H. H. Sinclair, June 13; G. Kydd, July 24; C. G. Conger, Aug. 21; G. McClode, July 2. 149—W. Graham, May 30; N. Silverthorn, Sept. 9. 151—J. C. Bowers, Feb. 22; W. Hogg, June 19; J. Killer, July 31; C. L. Peterson, Aug. 18; C. Stark, Oct. 10; J. H. Landreth, Oct. 17; S. B. Bricker, Nov. 2. 153—S. Saunders, Feb. 9; F. C. Donald, May, 1923; W. Grainger, Sept. 21; C. Luckins Dec. 15. 155—J. Saunders, Feb. 14; R. M. Hood, Sept. 21. 156—W. H. Randall, June 27; J. H. MacKenzie, Sept. 21; J. G. Hull, Sept. 24; L. P. McClelland, Oct. 29. 157—J. Fleming, Mar. 15. 161—A. M. Hamilton, Mar. 21; S. Oliver, Nov. 23; H. E. Ewing, Oct. 23. 164—N. D. Benson, Apr. 3; R. E. Clarke, May 14. 165—J. G. Aikman, Apr. 2; T. H. L. Bamford, Apr. 26; W. R. Gilbert, Dec. 14. 166—M. Neil, Feb. 6; A. Pottruff, Feb. 21. 168—F. B. Owen, Mar. 1; D. E. Evans, Mar. 1, H. R. Norwood, Nov. 12; F. J. Norwood, Dec. 2. 169—J. McCracken, May 2; D. Burt, Oct. 6; C. MacNeil, Oct. 3. 170—H. Town, Feb. 7. 172—A. J. Reid, June 18; 177—J. Biehler, Apr. 30. 180—J. W. Knowles, Jan. 12; T. C. Rundle, Feb. 5; J. G. St. Clair, Feb. 18; W. Weir, Apr. 19; C. Ryde, Nov. 10. 184—W. Irwin, Apr. 8. 185—C. Scudamore, May, 1923. 192—B. B. Barker, May 17; T. H. Robinson, May 21; S. J. Bailey, Aug. 5; W. H. Price, Aug. 25; A. Leishman, July 5. 193—E. Epps, Feb. 5; A. M. Malcolm, May 15; J. A. Smith, Aug. 11. 194—F. L. Goring, July 25. 195—J. Stevely, Jan. 1923; A. D. McLean, Mar. 8; G. S. Birrell, no date; C. Elliott, 1921; A. Robinson, 1920. 196—R. A. Jamieson, Jan. 4; A. Dewar, Nov. 24. 197—A. P. Johnston, Jan. 4; H. Clarke, Feb. 20; C. S. Stephan, June 14; R. H. McKay, July 30; E. Briggs, Aug. 26. 201—W. F. Latimer, Apr. 23; T. O. Middleton, Apr. 23; W. Fair, Apr. 24; S. S. Clarke, Aug. 21; J. Seal, Nov. 11. 203—F. J. Ross, Apr. 18. 205—F. H. McCallum, June 10. 209a—C. J. McCormick, Aug. 8; 1922; H. Spittal, Mar. 29; F. Fitzgerald, May 10; T. Wardrope, Sept.; T. A. Rowart, Oct. 31; W. B. Weller, Nov. 11. 209—R. Bullock, Apr. 22; J. A. Paul, Sept. 22. 215—R. H. Fox, Dec. 28, 1922; N. A. Peterson, Apr. 6; R. Bovay, Aug. 7. 216—A. S. Maxwell, Apr. 19; A. A. Hughson, Feb. 8; J. E. Jessop, Aug. 10. 218—J. A. Robertson, Jan. 29; D. A.

McKillop, Feb. 14; D. Sloan, Apr. 16; H. N. Williams, Apr. 17; L. Pickering, Aug. 6; J. Williamson, Oct. 23. 221—W. H. Dixon, May 10; R. A. Gibson, Aug. 11. 222—J. L. Hickey, Oct. 29; P. Kirkgaard, Dec. 23; W. Hilton, Nov. 13. 223—C. A. Ghent, Mar. 13; J. B. Pearce, June 3; S. P. Ford, July 24; C. I. Puffer, Oct. 24; J. C. Sherry, Nov. 14. 224—J. F. Rickbeil, Sept., 1922. 225—T. W. Jackson, Apr. 10; J. J. Foster, Apr. 16; J. R. Grant, Nov. 6. 229—T. G. Baldock, Mar. 1; W. A. McCulla, July 7; J. K. Hessey, July 14. 230—R. B. S. Jack, Apr. 3; R. H. Cannon, Feb. 12; J. Pullan, Sept., 1923. 231—J. Pearce, June 16; T. W. Chisnall, Oct. 1; J. A. Corry, Dec. 17. 233—T. Maglady, Apr. 4. 234—H. Pedwell, May 17; W. Reekie, June 28. 235—A. Bain, Sept. 19. 238—F. Kenward, Apr. 29. 239—A. N. Allen, Oct. 20. 242—H. S. Dunham, July 29. 243—J. Hoodless, Jan. 25. 245—C. Connor, Jan. 21; E. D. Hubbell, Apr. 23; J. Davidson, June 2. 247—R. H. Easson, Dec. 23. 249—Wm. Gray, Apr. 10; A. Pillow, Dec. 24. 253—H. Hoppins, Jan., 1923; J. A. Stewart, Apr. 18; J. M. L. Thorne, July 1. 256—W. Sutherland, June 15. 257—H. Clark, Feb. 20. 258—A. B. Parker, Sept. 26; C. L. Spofford, Oct. 6; N. L. A. Hill, Dec. 2; W. T. Tanner, Dec. 6. 259—W. J. Lindsay, Mar. 2. 260—W. J. Gibbs, Jan. 19; W. Dunlop, Feb. 27. 261—J. C. Waddell, July 30; J. McDermid, Oct. 20. 261—J. R. Edwards, Jan. 1. 262—J. B. Bingham, Jan. 21. 263—G. H. Core, Nov. 12. 264—G. Armstrong, Jan. 18; J. H. Lockyear, Mar. 9; K. W. Marsh, Apr. 26; J. W. Pask, May 30; R. H. Innes, June 23; T. E. Burnside, Sept. 27. 265—N. Allsopp, May 4; J. F. Gohn, May 10; I. Hughes, Sept. 25. 266—C. F. Hawkins, Dec. 18. 267—T. Scullard, Feb. 13; J. S. Morrison, Sept. 1. 268—F. McNeil, Feb. 26. 269—W. C. Barnes, Apr. 25; P. McNab, Apr. 27—J. Arbott, Mar. 20; C. W. Smith, May 1. 271—J. Carmichael, Dec. 18. 272—S. J. Kivell, Jan. 30; D. Morrison, Dec. 17. 274—J. Muckle, Feb. 18; J. W. Paisley, Sept. 10; R. L. Gosnell, Nov. 25; W. R. Fellows, Sr., Dec. 24. 276—J. Chapman, Aug. 25; B. J. Ferguson, Oct. 22. 277—C. E. Coons, Feb. 27; G. Daley, Sept. 23. 279—W. Scott, Jan., 1923. 283—G. G. Boyle, June 21; J. M. Farley, Oct. 21. 284—W. Murray, Feb. 24. 285—D. K. Ross, July 31. 286—P. Powell, Feb. 8; J. Rich, Sept. 23; J. Stewart, Dec. 2; E. Johnston, Dec. 8. 287—R. W. Bucke, Jan. 15; I. A. Thompson, Jan. 30; W. S. Furlonger, May 14; T. G. Lovelady, Dec. 24. 289—W. Russell, Feb. 12; J. D. Dewar, Mar. 26; H. McIntyre, May 4. 290—R. F. Hurst, Oct. 28. 291—J. C. Black, Dec. 8. 294—G. A. Warwick, Sept. 4. 296—A. J. McGregor, Jan. 19; N. Foster, Feb. 10; J. D. Low, June 1. 297—J. Baltzer, Apr. 29; J. R. Restrict, Feb. 26; H. VonEnde, Sept. 29; C. Claire, Sept. 9. 299—D. Wagar, May 13; G. W. Cox, July, 12. 300—W. Beck, March, 1923. 302—H. B. Rinch, Mar. 24; A. E. Powles, Apr. 28; M. J. Baker, Sept. 8; J. A. Sherman, Oct. 12; F. Unruh, Oct. 29; J. F. Emmerson, Nov. 16. J. Meiklejohn, Dec. 3. 303—J. Grainger, Aug. 4; J. M. Hamilton, Aug. 25. 304—J. Black, June 17; S. Warner, July 14; W. Latimer, Nov. 7. 305—C. McNeil, Nov. 9; F. W. Clarke, June 24. 306—F. A. Wilding, Aug., 1923. 309—I. Hetherington, Mar. 31. 311—A. Maynard, Oct. 1. 312—S. A. Hayward, July 7; J. O. Gibson, July 11; M. P. C. Patoflet, Aug. 3. 313—W. Sherin, Jan. 20. 314—W. McEwen, Jan. 4; J. Sloan, Nov. 25; A. E. Essery, Oct. 5. 315—M. B. Mathewson, June 14. 316—T. G. Beattie, Jan. 27; D. Scott, Jan. 31; C. Simpson, Mar. 3; T. N. Reed, June 23; J. P. Stephens, Dec. 1923. 319—E. C. Pond, Feb. 26; W. Beswitherick, Oct. 12. 320—R. Fraser, July 1. 323—W. Bartholmew, Jan. 29. 324—C. A. Truman, Feb. 14; S. Epstein, Feb. 14; F. H. Nairn, Sept. 21; W. W. Peacock, Sept. 25; W. J. Turner, Nov. 14; W. S. McBrayne, Nov. 25; H. I. Hill, Dec. 27. 325—W. T. Wickett, Nov. 11; W. Cooney, Dec. 8. 326—C. J. Clemens, Jan. 6; G. W. Marshall, Feb. 17; J. W. Dunn, Mar. 16; D. R. Logan, July 17; J. A. Carlaw, Oct. 16; J. H. Landreth, Oct. 17; J. Lumbers, Nov. 8; J. A. Turnbull, Nov. 26; A. E. Leverty, Dec. 8. 328—J. D. McBride, Mar. 15. 329—J. Noble, Feb. 5. 330—T. Patterson, Apr. 19; B. C. Wall, Feb. 20; S. J. Hebblethwaite, Apr. 10. 332—F. H. Carswell, Jan. 24. 333—W. H. Walker, Nov. 8. 334—C. E. Bailey, Mar. 30; T. Rafter, Oct. 27. 336—J. G. Wilson, Jan. 7; W. C. Sifton, May 23; T. Mickle, Aug. 8; J. W. Bailey, Sept. 23. 337—S. Camp, May 6. 338—W. Wills, Aug. 9. 339—C. Richardson, Jan. 20; H. Cross, Apr. 14; E. W. Nelles, July 19; F. Ingram, Nov. 18. 341—J. McPherson, Feb. 1922. 343—T. Armstrong, Feb. 9; H. C. Tomlin, June 19; J. H. Webber, Aug. 15; W. F. Whelan, Aug. 11; A. H. E. Kent, Oct. 16; W. N. Andrews, Oct. 29. 344—G. Wade, Sept. 8. 346—A. E. Kearsley, Feb. 2; J. Cotterill, Feb. 8; W. J. Carmichael, Mar. 30; T. J. Price, Feb. 20; J. D. Slean, Oct. 1; D. Blair, Oct. 9; W. Newcomb, Dec. 14. 347—H. Haulins, July 26; D. W. Hayes Dec. 18. 348—G. A. F. Charlwood, Mar. 11; J. S. Darling, Dec. 7. 352—T. W. Sword, Mar. 3; G. Wilcox, Feb. 25; E. F. MacDonald, Mar. 25; J. R. Stone, Apr. 26; W. S. Church, May 8; H. W. Gray, Aug. 22. 354—G. H. Woodard, Feb. 22. 356—R. Cornish, Aug., 1923. 357—W. H. Sones, Jan. 13; A. E. Smith, May 15; J. Mitchell, July 28. 358—D. C. Brown, Feb. 2. 360—R. Mills, Feb. 15; J. Watson, Dec. 24; E. P. Crossley, Dec., 1922. 361—J. Strachan, Jan. 9; J. J. Whaley, Feb. 12; W. Dyson, June 4; W. F. Savage, Aug. 2. 362—W. Sprung, Feb. 5; D. M. Sutherland, Mar. 10; W. Young, Apr. 18; W. A. Cook, Oct. 6; J. Radburne, Oct. 27. 364—N. Campbell, July 24; H. M. Fletcher, Dec. 18. 367—J. Barker, Jan. 8; W. A. Soley, Feb. 23; W. B. Stoneham, Feb. 27; J. C. Claxton, Apr. 29; W. A. Vickery, May 4; W. C. Jones, May 28; W. Bunting, Aug. 31. 368—

W. S. Jones, Oct. 22; W. G. Barrie, July 23; R. G. Stratton, July 18. 369—T. Tier, Mar. 20; A. Silverthorn, Dec. 22. 370—D. H. Davison, May 26. 371—E. J. Cockburn, Feb. 22; R. W. Ogilvy, Feb. 16. 372—C. Fickle, Apr. 30; E. Oneill, Nov. 20. 373—R. Milburn, Jan. 1; J. Yokom, May 21. 375—M. M. Weir, Apr. 14; C. Corneil, May 15; W. E. J. Balfour, Nov. 11. 376—E. P. Whaley, Mar. 21; W. C. Sparkes, June 14; J. McConachie, July 15; J. Cook, July 19; G. R. Smith, Aug. 14. 377—S. R. Dolson, Mar. 13; J. A. Skelling, Apr. 19. 378—T. E. Pound, Jan. 31; L. W. Bruner, Mar. 5; C. N. Cooper, Apr. 23; B. McMurry, June 4; W. G. Moore, July 22; W. J. McDiarmid, Aug. 16. 379—A. F. Onill, Oct. 16. 380—L. Tucker, Jan. 1; R. A. Carrothers, Feb. 28; D. Graham, May 28; S. Grant June 11; A. H. Moran, June 20; J. I. Connor, Aug. 17; A. S. Glass, Sept. 2; H. C. Merritt, Oct. 27. 382—H. E. Baldwin, Jan. 12; C. M. Sinclair, Jan. 17; G. H. Lanigan, Jan. 18; T. H. Buckingham, Jan. 29; P. H. Glover, Mar. 13; J. A. Robson Mar. 17; J. H. Smith, Apr.; J. H. Lowry, June 5; C. W. Cameron, Jan. 24; J. Cheyne June 26; W. A. Brown, July 28; G. L. Person, Oct. 31. 383—T. J. Middaugh, Apr. 16; W. Campbell, Nov. 11. 384—F. W. Blakey, Jan. 9; C. Kyle, Apr. 22; J. Laxton, Aug. 15; D. R. Bell, Aug. 5; W. Eceleigh, Oct. 15; R. J. Buchanan, Sept. 7. 387—J. F. Tilton, May 8; O. W. Landon, Feb. 5; J. Beatty, Sept. 18. 390—E. W. Snary, June 20. 391—G. J. Claxton, Jan. 11; G. Cameron, Jan. 18; D. Leitch, June 11; J. Crowsder, Nov. 3. 394—R. C. Telfer, Feb. 13. 396—H. Reid Oct. 7; W. R. Gilbert, Dec. 14; S. A. Perry, Oct. 23. 397—J. A. Taylor, Apr. 8; W. Gray, Aug. 29. 398—W. J. Hyfield, Sept. 9. 400—R. Joyce, Sept. 10; S. P. Anderson, Nov. 28; T. T. Harris, Dec. 22. 401—W. J. Malley, July 12. 403—J. C. Johnson, Apr. 2; F. Bridges, July 22. 405—J. A. McMartin, Mar. 11; S. H. Richardson, July 18. 406—R. Archer, May 11. 408—J. S. McMillan, June 18. 409—J. T. Harvie, Nov. 24; W. B. Irving, Dec. 20. 410—J. Homuth, Mar. 28; T. Russell, May 24; J. Rogers, July 27; W. Bryce, Sept. 29; D. A. Bemis, Dec. 8; W. H. Judge, Dec. 21. 411—H. E. C. Coats, Dec. 2. 412—W. E. Thompson, Mar. 28; H. W. Evenden, March 28; W. I. Threthewey, Aug. 26.; J. Lycett, Dec. 10. 413—C. F. Kittner, May 3. 414—R. S. F. Shaw, Nov. 20. 415—J. A. Hesketh, Jan. 26; J. A. Wheatley, June 14; J. E. Ealey, Aug. 14. 416—W. J. Asselford, Feb. 10. 417—E. F. Kendall, Jan. 2. 420—H. Martin, Jan. 11; A. Newell, Jan. 14. 421—G. I. Campbell, Apr. 22; G. H. Cooper, Feb. 24. 423—H. May, Jan. 8; J. Paget, Mar. 17. 425—W. F. Ball, Sept. 2; J. D. Gibson, July 11; L. F. Stokes, Aug. 20. 426—L. J. Cook, no date; E. W. Scarlett, Jan. 2; J. H. Towers, June 9; I. M. Moore, Jan. 21; G. Nicholals, Mar. 25; W. L. Allen, July 5; C. H. Sherwin, July 21; G. F. Sheepway, Nov. 28. 427—E. A. Hill, Aug. 16. 428—J. E. Cooney, Apr. 23; F. E. Harrison, July 22. 429—B. Hilker, Feb. 28; W. George, May 10; W. Cairns, Sept. 5. 430—W. Dixon, May 15; W. W. Walton, May 17; H. Kee, Oct. 30. 434—E. B. Grant, Nov. 21. 434—T. Henderson, May 25; W. A. Anderson, Oct. 11. 436—F. Campbell, Jan. 29. 437—K. G. Latham, Jan. 29; C. L. Delmago, Feb. 28; W. Kennedy, July 13. 438—E. C. Prince, Feb. 23; G. F. Howell, Apr. 30; S. L. Taube, Oct. 4; A. E. McLauchlin, Dec. 21. 439—A. Markson, Feb. 27; A. L. Raymond, May 4. 441—J. R. Breakenridge, Sep. 15. 442—N. Gray, Sept. 17; 1917; F. Leighfield, Jan. 24, 1919; F. Ingram, no date; M. J. Scott, no date; W. H. Peters, no date; R. E. C. King, no date. 443—J. S. Floyd, Nov. 29. 447—S. Robinson, Apr. 8. 448—A. Liddle, Feb. 3; W. E. Dean, May 11; J. W. Bailey, Sept. 23. 449—J. Clarey, June 14; J. A. Ranott, Oct. 9. 451—J. W. Wallace, no date; F. Dettman, July 6. 452—G. D. Hyner, Feb. 18. 453—J. J. Wells, July 7. 454—H. Hall, Apr. 1; W. G. Alexander, Sept. 6. 455—R. W. Neilson, May 12. 457—J. Hancock, Aug. 20. 458—A. S. Wylie, Feb. 16; C. H. Backus, July 27. 459—R. D. Boyle, Dec. 31, 1922; T. R. Wilson, May 6. 463—H. H. Clarke, Nov. 24. 465—W. F. E. McCord, Feb. 17; W. W. Sautler, Dec. 14. 466—C. V. Kitchen, Feb. 12. 467—D. G. McCurdy, Feb. 5; J. Scott, Sept. 16. 469—W. E. Evans, May 28; S. Mack, Dec. 19. 471—G. A. Land, Mar. 5; N. F. Weaver, Apr. 9; C. Scudamore, May 14. 473—J. W. Ball, Feb. 28. 474—C. H. Cooper, Feb. 2. 475—G. H. Lanigan, Jan. 18; E. J. Chestney, Feb. 22; G. M. Anderson, June 16; F. J. Plastow, Aug; J. Cheyne, June 26; J. F. Precious, Sept. 19; G. V. Kellond, Nov. 14; E. Mills, Oct. 12; A. Wood, Aug. 29. 476—O. E. Watterson, Feb. 23. 478—J. A. Westman, Feb. 6. 481—C. L. Hanks, Aug. 5. 483—J. Sherritt, Sept. 14. 485—H. Bywaters, Jan. 5, 1920. 486—D. H. Way, Jan. 11. 487—F. W. Newton, Sept. 27. 488—W. A. Sparling, Feb. 13; R. H. Waters, Jan. 24. 490—W. A. Roadhouse, June 9. 491—B. H. Wallace, Jan. 24; W. Clarke, Oct. 23; W. Houston, Dec. 26. 493—H. F. Sharp, Sept. 22. 494—F. Carey, Feb. 8; J. Martin, Feb. 8; R. Walker, June 27; L. V. Marshall, Nov. 26; H. Abram, Dec. 21. 495—R. J. Patterson, Mar. 23; J. Cheyne, June 26; K. McAlpine, May 9; J. Porter, July 16; R. Shutler, Sept. 16; J. Wingham, Nov. 3. 496—H. A. Percy, June 4; W. S. Verral, Nov. 25. 497—J. Goodfellow, Apr. 28; 499—G. MacGlashan, Nov. 2. 500—J. Bain, May 25; S. J. Norton, Oct. 15; R. M. Kerr, Oct. 16. 509—N. R. Lowes, Feb. 5. 512—E. B. Grant, Nov. 23; T. H. Lavery, Dec. 18. 513—J. Ingram, Jan. 13; J. Herman, Jan. 18; A. R. S. Cairns, Feb. 18; A. E. Rymal, Aug. 17; F. H. Nairn, Sept. 21; J. Wingham, Nov. 3. 514—W. H. Polley, June 1; F. H. Lowens, Oct. 15; J. A. Thompson, Mar. 2; R. Kenny, Sept. 1. 516—W. Headrick, Sept. 9. 518—D. W. Dawson, June 13. 519—J. Douglas, June 21. 520—P. Barron, Jan. 25; J. Bowden, June 6; I. Hughes, Sept. 29. 521—C. H. Sears, Aug. 31; J. S.

Master, Nov. 28. 522—J. B. Anderson, Jan. 12; S. I. Taube, Oct. 4. 525—J. F. Cerow, Apr. 14. 526—J. A. Nelson, July 14. 527—A. F. Tift, Feb. 2. 529—A. McDonald, Aug. 4. 530—W. S. Carter, Apr. 29. 531—B. Irish, Oct. 27. 532—T. R. Stanley, Apr. 21; R. Brown, Feb. 26; A. E. Baillie, June 2; J. G. Smith, June 2. 533—G. E. Gray, May 27; J. J. Newall, Nov. 13. 534—S. Everett, Apr. 15. 537—W. Bunting, Sr., Sept. 1. 538—T. N. Beck, Jan. 19. 539—J. Hutton, Aug. 26; H. H. Shilby, July 21. 541—E. Cox, May 7; F. E. Lane, July 26; C. A. Archer, Nov. 8. 542—L. P. McClelland, Oct. 29. 543—F. H. Hallsworth, June 11. 544—C. H. Lymburner, June 26; A. M. Snyder, Nov. 29. 545—C. F. Howell, Apr. 30; L. Pickering, Aug. 5; J. D. L. Bonyun, Sept. 13. 546—F. Delaney, Jan. 27; H. B. Jennings, Mar. 13. 549—W. G. Dunlop, Jan. 1923; B. Ashton, May, 1923. F. H. Nairn, Sept. 21. 550—G. N. Johnston, Aug. 14. 551—J. Wagstaffe, Jan. 22; G. Bonney, Apr. 3. 552—W. E. G. Robertson, Sept. 28. 553—C. J. Clemens, Jan. 7. 555—H. L. Polson, Sept. 7. 562—J. Wingham, Oct. 30. 563—O. L. Lewis, Apr. 20; M. P. C. Potoliet, Aug. 3. 566—F. W. McLeod, Aug. 16. 568—J. Grainger, Aug. 4. 573—J. F. Sandham, May 7. 576—W. Dixon, May 15; W. Laird, Oct. 24. 577—T. Rogers, Dec. 1; P. L. Moffatt, Oct. 13. 578—D. E. Mundell, June 12. 579—R. Miller, May 7. 582—A. E. Leverty, May 12. 584—H. A. Sellers, May 6. 587—S. E. Graham, May 5. 588—L. B. Ladd, Jan. 4. 590—C. E. Preston, Feb. 22. J. T. Burgess, May 26. 593—J. Cheyne, June 26. 596—R. McQuaig, Feb. 12. 599—F. W. Clarke, June 23. 601—W. R. Elliott, June 14. 608—C. L. Carew, Jan. 9. 611—F. A. Selbery, Feb. 5; A. G. Alexander, Aug. 9; J. C. Turnbull, Nov. 25; A. H. Monkman, Dec. 14. 614—R. A. Gibson, Aug. 13. 620—J. L. Thorne, July 1; H. E. Ewing, Oct. 23.

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1861.....	T. D. Harington.....	Quebec
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1863.....	T. D. Harington.....	Quebec
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1865.....	W. B. Simpson.....	Brockville
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1869.....	A. A. Stevenson.....	Montreal
1870.....	A. A. Stevenson.....	Montreal
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1873.....	W. M. Wilson.....	Simcoe
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R.W. Bro. George Malcolm.....	New Brunswick.....	M.W. Bro. John Hay.....	James C. Jones.....	Halifax
R.W. Bro. Thomas Rowe.....	Nova Scotia.....	M.W. Bro. Hon. John Yeo.....	Ernest Kemp.....	Charlottetown
R.W. Bro. Thomas Shanks.....	Prince Edward Island.....	M.W. Bro. J. Alex. Cameron.....	W. W. Williamson.....	Montreal
M.W. Bro. D. J. Goggin.....	Quebec.....	M.W. Bro. A. S. Correll.....	W. B. Tate.....	Regina
	Saskatchewan			
	Other British Colonies			
R.W. Bro. Lyman Lee.....	New South Wales.....	V.W. Bro. David Cunningham.....	Arthur H. Bray.....	Sydney
R.W. Bro. John Boyd.....	New Zealand.....	R.W. Bro. Charles Rhodes.....	Geo. B. Brelay.....	Christchurch
R.W. Bro. J. McC. Potts.....	Queensland.....	M.W. Bro. Thos. S. Burston.....	C. H. Harley.....	Brisbane
M.W. Bro. J. H. Burrett, K.C.....	Pembroke	R.W. Bro. Rev. M. Williams.....	Chas. R. J. Glover.....	Adelaide
R.W. Bro. Alfred F. Webster.....	Toronto	R.W. Bro. H. J. Wise.....	John Hamilton.....	Hobart
M.W. Bro. Hon W. D. McPherson, K.C., Toro'to	Tasmania.....	V.W. Bro. Walter Kemp.....	Wm. Stewart.....	Melbourne
R.W. Bro. John Stevenson.....	Victoria.....	R.W. Bro. Capt. Herbert B. Collet.....	J. D. Stevenson.....	Perth
	Western Australia			
	United States of America			
R.W. Bro. F. J. Skinner.....	Alabama.....	W. Bro. Ethridge J. Garrison.....	G. A. Beauchamp.....	Montgomery
R.W. Bro. Fred. Symes.....	Fort William	R.W. Bro. Louis G. Moyers.....	Geo. J. Roskrige.....	Tucson
R.W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, K.C.....	Arkansas.....	R.W. Bro. A. J. Russel.....	Fay Hempstead.....	Little Rock
R.W. Bro. F. K. Ebbitt.....	California.....		John Whicheer.....	San Francisco
R.W. Bro. Wm. M. Logan.....	Froquois Falls		Wm. Cooper.....	Denver
R.W. Bro. Geo. H. Smith.....	Hamilton		Geo. A. Kies.....	Hartford
R.W. Bro. R. A. Klock.....	Toronto		John P. Robinson.....	Washington
M.W. Bro. W. J. Drope.....	Klock's Mills		John P. Keiper.....	Washington
R.W. Bro. G. H. Clendennan.....	Grimsby District of Columbia.....		W. P. Webster.....	Jacksonville
	Toronto/Florida.....			

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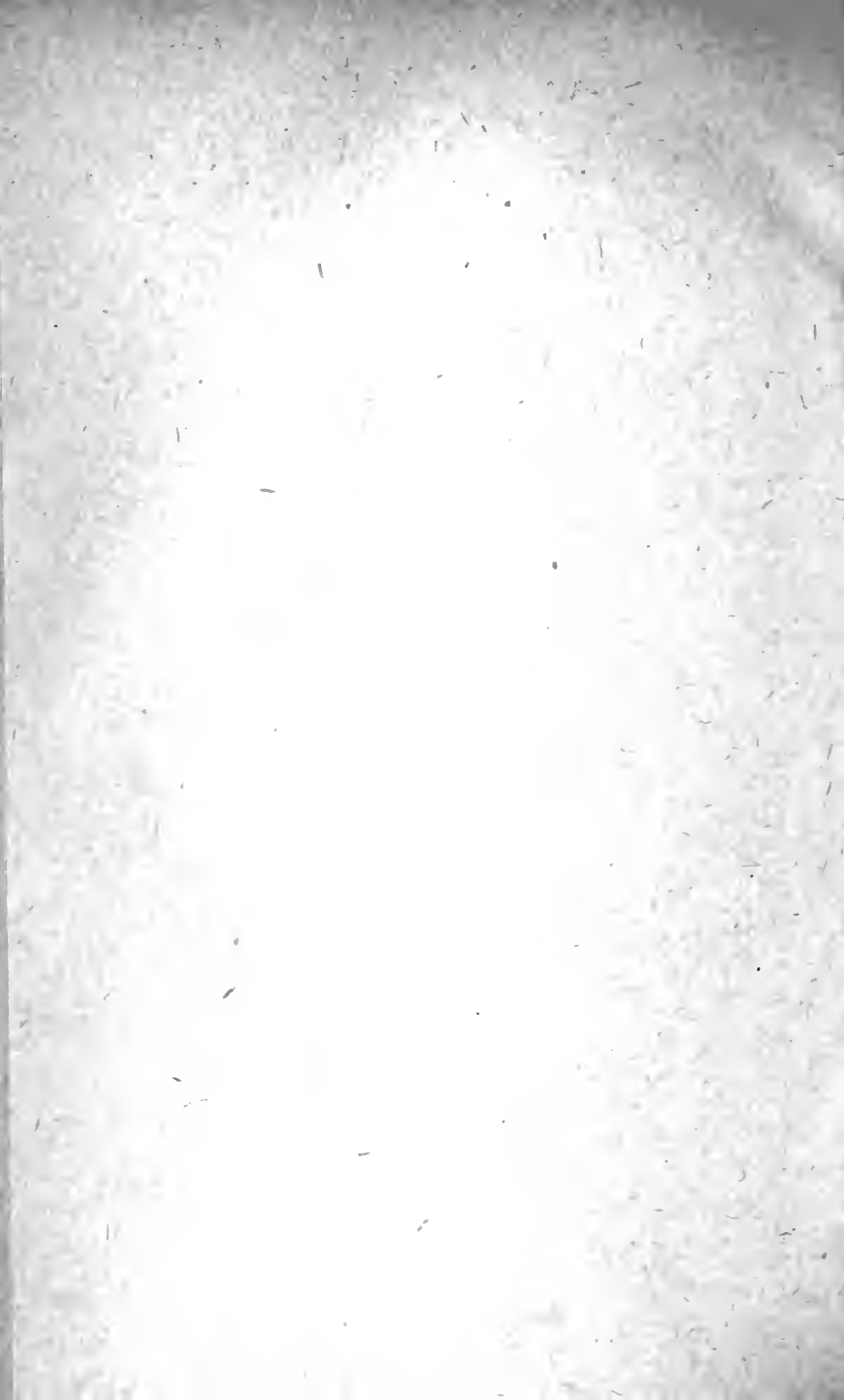
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M.W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, K.C.	Toronto	R.W. Bro. S. O. Sping	Peoria
R.W. Bro. A. M. Cunningham	Hamilton	R.W. Bro. Elias J. Jacoby	Indianapolis
R.W. Bro. Hon. R. H. Grant	Toronto	R.W. Bro. Wm. A. Westfall	Mason City
R.W. Bro. R. H. Spencer	Trenton	R. W. Bro. Hubert H. Hubbard	Gaena
R.W. Bro. H. C. Tugwell	Toronto	R. W. Bro. N. B. Null	Ruston
R.W. Bro. J. B. Way	Sault Ste. Marie	R.W. Bro. W. J. Dorman	Belfast
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R.W. Bro. Wm. N. Gatfield	Sandwich	M.W. Bro. John Rowson	Detroit
R.W. Bro. C. W. Haentschel	Hanleybury	R.W. Bro. Herman Held	New Ulm
R.W. Bro. F. M. Morson	Toronto	R.W. Bro. Harry T. Howard	Bloxi
R.W. Bro. Donald Sutherland	Princeton	W. Bro. R. C. Blackmer	St. Louis
R.W. Bro. George Naylor	Ingersoll	W. Bro. Geo. P. Porter	Helena
R.W. Bro. Hy. T. Smith	Toronto	R.W. Bro. John R. Webster	Omaha
V.W. Bro. W. R. Ledger	Toronto	R.W. Bro. Frank Bell	Reno
V.W. Bro. J. A. Cowan	Toronto	R.W. Bro. Ira A. Chase	Bristol
R.W. Bro. Wm. H. Day	Guelph	R.W. Bro. Ernest A. Reed	Newark
M.W. Bro. A. T. Freed	Hamilton	M.W. Bro. Thomas Penney	Buffalo
R.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington	Napanee	W. Bro. H. M. Potest	Wake Forest
R.W. Bro. H. D. Leask	North Bay	W. Bro. Alex. B. Taylor	Fargo
R.W. Bro. Geo. Moore	Hamilton	M.W. Bro. Frank S. Harmon	Cleveland
R.W. Bro. J. C. Liddell	Brantford	R.W. Bro. A. E. Monroey	Oklahoma City
V.W. Bro. K. J. Dunstan	Toronto	R.W. Bro. Donald Mackay	Portland
R.W. Bro. J. C. Reid	Windsor	W. Bro. Clarence P. Bearse	E. Providence
R.W. Bro. J. C. Bartram	Ottawa	W. Bro. Arden A. Lemon	Barnwell
R.W. Bro. J. A. Rowland	Toronto	W. Bro. Wm. E. Milligan	Aberdeen
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			Meridian
			St. Louis
			St. Louis
			Helena
			Omaha
			Carson City
			Concord
			Trenton
			Albuquerque
			New York
			Raleigh
			Fargo
			Cincinnati
			Guthrie
			Portland
			Philadelphia
			Providence
			Columbia
			St. Louis Falls

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R. W. Bro. F. C. Bounycastle.....	Campbellford	Bro. J. M. Samper Angiano.....
R. W. Bro. Frederick Guest.....	St. Thomas	H. Glyde Lavergne.....
		Bro. Joas C. D'Almeida.....
		Bro. Charles Gerster.....
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		Eyward B. Coffey.....

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Appendix to Proceedings of 1924

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE

Belleville, Canada, July, 1924.

As Chairman of the Committee to whom has been intrusted the Annual Review of the Proceedings of our Sister Jurisdictions, I express my grateful appreciation of the efficient and craftsmanlike co-operation of my colleagues, R. W. Bro. Thos. Shanks who has reviewed 12 Grand Bodies, R. W. Bro. R. C. Blagrave, D.D., Grand Chaplain, who has reviewed 10, and R. W. Bro. Henry T. Smith, G. S. E. of Grand Chapter, who has reviewed 4. For the rest I am responsible, and I commend the result of our joint labours to the serious consideration, and I hope more than cursory contemplation of our Brethren of the Craft.

1 Alabama	1923	16 Ireland	1923
2 Alberta	1923	17 Jamaica	1923
3 Arizona	1923	18 Kansas	1924
4 Arkansas	1923	19 Kentucky	1923
5 British Columbia.....	1923	20 Louisiana	1924
6 California	1923	21 Maine	1923
7 Columbia (Dist. of).....	1923	22 Maryland	1923
8 Connecticut	1923	23 Manitoba	1923
9 Connecticut	1924	24 Mexico (York G. L.).....	1922
10 Delaware	1923	25 Mexico (York G. L.).....	1923
11 England	1923	26 Missouri	1923
12 Florida	1924	27 Montana	1922
13 Idaho	1923	28 Nebraska	1922
14 Illinois	1923	29 Nevada	1923
15 Indiana	1923	30 New Brunswick	1922

31 New Hampshire.....	1922	47 Rhode Island.....	1923
32 New Jersey.....	1923	48 Saskatchewan.....	1923
33 New Mexico	1923	49 South Australia.....	1922
34 New York.....	1923	50 South Carolina.....	1923
35 New Zealand.....	1922	51 South Dakota.....	1923
36 New Zealand.....	1923	52 Tasmania.....	1923
37 North Carolina	1923	53 Tennessee.....	1924
38 North Dakota.....	1923	54 Texas.....	1923
39 Nova Scotia.....	1923	55 Utah.....	1923
40 Ohio.....	1923	56 Vermont.....	1923
41 Oklahoma.....	1923	57 Victoria.....	1922
42 Oregon.....	1923	58 Washington.....	1923
43 Pennsylvania.....	1923	59 Western Australia....	1923
44 Prince Edward Is'd..	1923	60 West Virginia.....	1923
45 Quebec.....	1924	61 Wisconsin.....	1923
46 Queensland	1923	62 Wyoming.....	1923

ALABAMA

The one hundred and third Anniversary Convocation assembled at Montgomery, Ala., on Dec. 15th, 1923, under the Presidency of Julian F. Spearman, G.M. The Grand Master's address opens with a fervent note of thanksgiving to Almighty God for opportunities of service and many blessings on the work of Grand Lodge. Seven new lodges were acting U.D., and eight were constituted during the year. Three charters were arrested and one lodge declared defunct.

Sympathetic reference was made to the Veteran Masons who had answered the call during the year.

Great pride is felt over the Masonic Home in which were sheltered 369 men and women, boys and girls. Thirty-nine pages of the report are given to an exhaustive account of the Home and its activities.

A resolution from the G. L. of Utah will be of interest:

RESOLUTION—UTAH-BORN APPLICANTS

Whereas, It is a fact well known to Utah Masons, and to some others, that from the very inception of organized Masonry in the State conditions have existed here which limited the material available for our Degrees. It is no less a well-known fact that while conditions have been considerably modified as the years have gone by, for reasons which to the Grand Lodge of Utah appear to be both good and sufficient, the privileges of our Fraternity are still denied to those who adhere to the dominant ecclesiastical organization of this State. While such is the situation here, other Jurisdictions, not having such knowledge of the facts, or of the position consistently maintained by the Grand Lodge of Utah for more than fifty years, readily admit applicants who were born in this State, and this for the most part, without making any inquiries of the Craft, or Lodge, nearest the community where such applicant may be best known. This course frequently brings humiliation to such members, and embarrassment to Utah Lodges—which are placed in a position of seeming discourtesy to Sister Jurisdictions. Without abating one jot or tittle of the recognition of the fundamental fact that each Masonic Jurisdiction is a law unto itself, the Grand Lodge of Utah, moved by a desire to serve the Craft and promote harmony, would point out to other Jurisdictions not only the position it occupies with reference to this matter, but also some of the facts responsible for that position. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That a copy of this preamble and resolution be sent to each Grand Master of the United States together with a copy of the pamphlet on "Mormonism and Masonry" by R. W. Sam H. Goodwin, and be it further

Resolved, That the fact be made clear that this is not done with any thought of dictating action or policy in other Jurisdictions, but for the sole purpose of imparting light, so that if it seems well, and the suggestion meets their approval, these leaders in Craft affairs may indicate to Constituent Lodges the desirability of investigating Utah-born material through Masonic brethren or Lodges nearest the birthplace or home of such applicants.

A University club house has been purchased for the accommodation of Masons and sons of Masons at the University.

A canvas made of the membership for G. L. purposes netted \$204,993.82.

It was recommended that G. L. again affiliate with the M.S.A.; and appreciation of the efforts of the O.E.S. on behalf of the Home was warmly expressed.

The following will indicate the interest taken by Masons in the question of education in the State of Alabama from the G.M.'s address:—

We should go on record as re-affirming our unqualified support of Federal aid and recognition for public education, without the interference of State's rights, as embodied in the Towner-Sterling Bill. We still believe that a Department of Education with a secretary in the cabinet of the President would correct the deficiencies that now exist in our public school system and would soon eradicate illiteracy, Americanize foreign-born and would develop a more adequate program of health service for the training of teachers and for the equalization of educational opportunities. All these things the Towner-Sterling Bill provides for.

A Grant of \$500 was made for the Hospital for ex-Service Tubercular patients at Fort Bayard.

An able address was delivered by P.G.M. James A. Bailbro on 'The God of Masonry, which was signed by all the Past Grand Masters and the ruling G.M. of the Grand Lodge. It is interesting to note the conditions that make such a statement necessary. Apparently there are strong forces seeking to turn Masonry into an atheistic camp.

To affirm that Masonry has no thought or belief as to the character of God; no thought or belief as to His having a loving and merciful regard for man; that it has no thought or belief as to His hearing our prayers in our work and ceremonies, is to affirm that God in Masonry is without any gracious attribute to beget for Him our love, adoration, praise and worship. Not only this, but such doctrine is a distinct avowal that the use of the Bible as our First Great Light and as the rule and guide to our faith, and that all our ceremonies that teach of the Love and Mercy of God, are wholly without Masonic sanction.

Brethren, the God in Masonry, in whom we trust, is a God of Love, of Mercy and Truth; a God who cares for us; a God who desires that we should reverence and adore Him and love each other. This is the God of whom Masonry spoke to our Masonic fathers in ages past, and of whom Masonry speaks to us to-day, and we humbly offer Him our Masonic reverence and praise.

We are in no sense offending the rule in Masonry that forbids discussion of matters of religion, for the reason that Masonry does not forbid a discussion of principles fundamental in its organization. God is the corner stone of Masonry. He always was and always will be. He is so firmly fixed in Masonry that it is required of every one to affirm that his trust is in Him, before he can be admitted to Masonry.

Bro. Fred Wall wrote on Foreign Correspondence. It was his first effort and a frank and breezy note characterizes his work, with just enough wit to give spice to what is ordinarily a dull achievement. He reports himself a young attorney and not having much of the world's goods as a reason for keeping his report back from the press until almost the last minute. We fail to observe any reference to the G.L. of Canada in Ontario.

R.C.B.

ALBERTA

132 Lodges.

11,746 Members.

The 18th Annual Communication was held in Calgary, June 13, 1923, M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood presiding. The Committee on the address pays this tribute to the Grand Master.

"A Master builder himself, he has by his careful supervision and indefatigable energy strengthened and enriched every portion of the divisions of Masonry in this province and his honored mark is carved into the structure in indelible characters."

All who read the G.M.'s address must be impressed by the serious consideration that he has given to his duties and to the diligence and fidelity with which he has carried them out. He refers to many of his activities, a notable one being his visit to the lodges in the Peace River country. His remarks in advocating instructional and educational work are worth quoting.

"Masonry is only a small part of mankind and as an institution it is subject to the same principles as govern the progress of mankind as a whole. Just as in the world at large, every few years brings into being a new generation of living souls requiring to be reared, nurtured, trained, and inspired, which if not accomplished means the retrogression of the race, so in this wonderful fraternity of ours every few years brings into our midst a new generation of brethren, who require nurture, training, education and inspiration in the realm of Masonic life. Unless this work is done and accomplished even better generation after generation, our institution will fall into stagnation instead of attaining greater achievements, rendering more loyal service, aspiring to nobler aims and visualizing ever mounting ideals."

His "Reflections" on Masonry in Alberta may be summarized as follows:

(1) The use of so-called "Works" should be discountenanced and the guilty members should be disciplined.

(2) Past Masters' Associations should be organized wherever possible.

(3) Libraries and reading rooms for lodges should be encouraged.

(4) Central Masonic Bureaus where there are two or more lodges are heartily recommended.

(5) The entertainments during the social hour are clean and above reproach.

(6) A higher degree of excellence in the lodge notices is recommended. They should be living links between the Lodge as a thought centre and the members and yet be in harmony with the true dignity of the Craft.

(7) Special attention should be given by the officers to making the lodge meetings attractive.

(8) Inter-Lodge visiting is beneficial and the practice is highly to be commended.

(9) Masonry cannot excuse grave offences against the well-recognized laws of God and man and should purge itself of such offenders.

Two distinguished visitors at the Grand Lodge Communication were M.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, P.G.M. of Manitoba and M.W. Bro. W. L. Stockwell, P.G.M. and Grand Secretary of Dakota. The former gave an address on "The Legend and Symbolism of the Third Degree" and the latter on "The Present Challenge to Freemasonry." Both addresses were of a very high order and are published in full in the proceedings.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence has a kindly review of Canada for 1922.—T.S.

ARIZONA

The forty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Arizona was held in the city of Prescott, on Feb. 13th, 1923, M.W. Bro. Louis G. Moyers presiding. Among the illustrious visitors received with honours was W. Bro. Sir Gilbert Parker.

The Report of the Grand Lodge is a compact volume and contains the names of all officers and members of subordinate lodges.

The Grand Master gave a detailed and comprehensive address showing a great amount of valuable work done during his year, among the thirty-two lodges that constitute the Grand Jurisdiction. There was a net gain of 250 members.

Three lodges were constituted, the largest number in any one year. There are long distances to travel and communities are isolated in Arizona so it was recommended that where lodges could not be supported Masonic clubs should be organized.

Much interest was shown in the National Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Oracle and a committee was appointed to act on the association.

The G.M. strongly recommends study clubs in connection with local lodges.

With regard to the Ku Klux he has the following:

Masonry is constitutionally opposed to mob violence or unlawful acts of any kind and her attitude as relates to Law and Order too well known to need defining. I could therefore see no good reason why I should mix in the controversy and place our Order in a questionable position by giving undue attention to an evident attempt to mix Masonry up with something in which she had no interest. Neither could I find any law or authority by which I, as Grand Master, could forbid any member of the fraternity joining any other organization if he so desired. The only question to be decided was whether such membership brought the Order into disrepute, and that could only be determined after said membership had been acquired. Masonry, as I understand it, concedes to its members the right to freedom of thought and liberty of action, holding them personally responsible for any discreditable act that would reflect on the fraternity, therefore any prohibitive restraint should come from the governing body, and I submit the question of whether membership in the Ku Klux Klan is permissible to members of the craft under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Arizona for a ruling in the premises.

The transition from the physical fitness qualification is in process as the following will witness:

I therefore recommend a modification or more liberal interpretation of Regulation No. 10 that it may harmonize with our declaration that it is the inner and not the outer qualifications of a man that render him worthy to be made a Mason, and thus make it possible for worthy men to be received into our Order even though maimed by minor physical defects.

The Wayfarer's club at Whipple Barracks received the cordial support of Grand Lodge and a cheque for \$1,000.

The following regulations will prove of interest.

REGULATION No. 2

Resolved, That hereafter there shall be no fee for affiliation within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and all subordinate Lodges are hereby ordered to strike same from the By-laws of their respective Lodges, and confine themselves exclusively to Part VI, Article V, Section 167, of our Constitution and By-Laws.

REGULATION No. 7

That hereafter no Master shall be installed until he shall present to the installing officer a certificate from the Grand

Lecturer or a Past Master of this Jurisdiction, showing his ability to confer the degrees of Masonry in accordance with our ritual.

REGULATION No. 13

Every Brother who has been raised to the degree of Master Mason, shall within six months after being raised be required to pass a satisfactory examination in the lecture of the Third Degree, either in open Lodge or before the regular Examining Committee, and it shall be the duty of the Master to see that this Regulation is strictly enforced.

M.W. Bro. Sidney Sapp, Grand Master.

V.W. Bro. George J. Rockridge, Grand Secretary.

R.C.B.

ARKANSAS

John Q. Wolf, M.W. Grand Master.

The records of several Emergent Communications for the laying of Corner-stones of Churches, the County Court House and Masonic Temples precede the Annual Proceedings of the Eighty-second Communication held in Albert Pike Memorial Temple in the City of Little Rock, 20th November, 1923.

The Eighty-third Communication will be held in Little Rock, 14th November, 1924.

The photograph of the new Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Harris, fronts the title page.

Bro. A. J. Russell answered the roll call as the Grand Representative of Canada.

The Temple of the Craft had been destroyed by fire and had risen from its ashes after five years of "sojourning" and to this the Grand Master vividly refers in the following extracts from the first part of his address:

Brethren, it is good to be here. This is a high day in Zion; it is a high day in the history of Masonry in Arkansas. A few years ago our Temple, hallowed by many sacred and tender memories and sweet associations, went up in smoke. But behold! a nobler and a grander one has taken its place, and we are once more at home.

Americans do not go very strong on hero worship, but they love to do honor to the man of worth and achievement.

And Masons love to honor the man "whose modesty bespeaks his merit," whose sterling character, and unselfish, sacrificial labors in behalf of our fraternity set him apart as one altogether worthy of our love, and praise, and devotion.

Let us here and now give Brother Rosenbaum the Masonic Grand Honors.

The bosom of every Mason should swell with pride, the heart of every Mason should glow with joy as we behold the beauty and the glory of this splendid Temple, and contemplate its meaning to us and to our posterity and think upon it as our home. For five years we have been in exile; now we are at home.

"An exile from home, splendor dazzles in vain;
O, give me my lowly-thatched cottage again;
The birds singing gaily, that came at my call,
Give me them and that peace-of-mind, dearer than all.
Home, home, sweet, sweet home,
Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home."

(Here a cornetist played Home, Sweet Home, and the brethren stood and joined in singing the chorus.)

Of Masonry generally as co-worker with the Church he says:

Masons are a class of men who are not swept off their feet by every passing fad and fancy, nor by every political demagogue who paws the air; they think for themselves and speak for themselves, and act for themselves; they believe in patriotism, and law enforcement, and stable government, and orderly conduct, and one God. In my humble judgment just two institutions have held things in place during these trying times in America—the Church and the Masons.

With regard to the reign of law he does not give a very glowing or optimistic picture:

Our safety and our prosperity and our great destiny as a nation are wrapped up in our reverence for and enforcement of the law.

There are evidences a plenty of a general chafing against the restraints of the law other than the prohibition law, as indicated in my reference a moment ago to the all-prevailing looseness of life and conduct. This looseness, exhibiting itself in so many ways, points to our decay as a nation, our moral and spiritual decay, unless there is a great awakening.

He gives a very vigorous warning against the Modern Dance, The Movie, The Automobile, The Waning Influence of the Home, Sensationalism from the Pulpit,

Official Graft and Political Indifference, Unpunished Crime and Political Demagogy.

With regard to the last two of which wonderful list of pregnant subjects he says:

Our philanthropic sentimentalism has run ahead of our common sense and judgment.

One of the most disturbing elements of society and discouraging phases of public life is the political demagogue and his work. Having little merit or ability to commend him to the voters, he invariably espouses the cause of the down-trodden farmer and the "horny-handed sons of toil," and seeks to win the votes and influence of the unthinking by playing upon the prejudices and credulity of the people by arraying class against class, country against town, neighbor against neighbor, and friend against friend. And the strangest thing about it, and the most discouraging, is that, after he has ridden into office on votes dictated by prejudice instead of reason and judgment, and has made a miserable failure and been retired to private life, another of the same tribe will come along and work the same old game on the identical same voters!

The worst pessimist I know anything about is the man who sees things through rose-colored glasses; the man who insists that everything is all right and the world is growing better and we only need to keep hands off and let the millennium come.

The real optimist is the man who, having eyes, sees, and having ears, hears and having a heart, understands; who knows conditions are bad and understands the need of corrective measures, and who has faith in humankind to believe conditions can and will be bettered.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning Providence
He hides a smiling face.

The Orphans Home receives careful attention, and with regard thereto he speaks the following words, with which we cordially agree:

Brethren, you can make no better investment of your money than to put it into the life of a boy or girl. When you look into the faces of that big Masonic Home family tonight in this hall I think you will admit that the small sum each of you pays into that institution annually has been invested wisely and well.

The Trustees report of the various Home affairs and the roster of the children in attendance and their

record occupy many pages. There are 88 now resident and 275 have passed through the Home.

The Grand Master is evidently a rigorous enforcer of Prohibition Legislation and says:

Charges should be filed against every Mason who is known to be a patron of bootleggers.

There is no Correspondence Review of the various Grand Jurisdictions but the Committee, Bro. A. M. Forby gives an interesting Report, from which we quote:

We do think the address of the Grand Master and all reports of importance should be gotten before the membership and that the Masons of Arkansas should have some knowledge of what Masons of other jurisdictions are doing and we know of no better way to get it before them than in condensed form by a report of the Foreign Correspondence Committee, and we believe that the Grand Lodges who make it compulsory have found a good way to dispense Masonic light and knowledge.

Right here we want to say that we find in practically all reports of other Grand Lodges, a note of warning sounded, that in the past few years with so many knocking at the doors of Masonry, our time has all been taken up in grinding the degree mill and not enough attention paid to the grist after grinding and some of it has gone astray.

Men read and admire the Gospel of Christ,
 With its love so unfailing and true;
 But what do they say, and what do they think,
 Of the Gospel according to you?

YOU are writing each day a letter to men;
 Take care that the writing is true;
 'Tis the only Gospel that some men will read—
 The Gospel according to you.

The Grand Orator, Bro. Grant C. Smith delivered a very spiritual and idealistic address. Perhaps if one might venture to criticize, rather "too good for human nature's daily food."

We find however, much that is meritorious as for instance:

Amidst all these bitter adversities Masonry with its origin away back in the dateless past toils in behalf of friendship, uniting men upon the only basis upon which they can ever meet with dignity. Each lodge is an oasis of good will and equality in the desert of strife, working to weld mankind into one league of friendship and service. At its altars men meet as man to man without vanity or pretense, without fear or reproach, just

as tourists crossing the mighty Alps tie themselves together, so that if one man slips, all may hold him up.

Freemasonry will never ground arms. Her plea is for government without tyranny, religion without superstition; and as surely as the sun rises and sets, her flight will be crowned with victory. She fights not with force, still less with intrigue, but with the power of truth, the persuasion of reason and might of gentleness, seeking, not to destroy her enemies, but to win them to the liberty of truth and fellowship of love. When these sublime accomplishments of Masonry are numbered among her victories, the great temple of civilization will have reached those lofty and heavenly heights long foreseen by Him who said, "Ye shall know the truth and it shall make you free."

And we cannot better conclude our review of Arkansas than with this verse of love and duty:

For my life is measured by what I mete,
And I earn my own reward,
So the love I give makes my life complete,
And through it I gain the award;
For whether I dwell in a house by the road
Or far from the haunts of men,
If only love makes bright the abode
No fear shall enter it then.

F. W. Harris, Mammoth Spring, M.W. Grand Master.

Fay Hempstead, Little Rock, R.W. Grand Secretary

BRITISH COLUMBIA

102 Lodges.

12,083 Members.

The 52nd Annual Communication was opened in New Westminster on June 21, 1923, M.W. Bro. A. McC. Creery, G.M., presiding. The G.M. refers in his address to the desirability of setting standards for the "Work" and recommended the appointment of a Committee, say of nine brethren, to prepare and submit standards for the three Rituals, one of which Grand Lodge decided in 1893 that all Lodges thereafter inaugurated should be required to select and work, viz., the English, as practised by Victoria—Columbia Lodge No. 1; the Scottish by Ashlar Lodge No. 3, and the Canadian, by Cascade Lodge No. 12. The G.M. has been an earnest worker and has displayed commendable energy and enthusiasm in paying many visits to the private lodges.

The Grand Historian's report contains an interesting history of Cariboo Lodge No. 4, by R.W. Bro. Haggan. This Lodge was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1867, and through many vicissitudes has kept alive the flame of Freemasonry at Barkerville in the centre of the famous gold diggings, for over half a century.

"A unique device in the temple is the "Silent Tyler." Perhaps as a safeguard, when Barkerville contained some wild men and some wild women, the stairway was built with hinges at the top, so that, when the brethren were assembled, it could be raised, by means of a wheel in the tyler's room, and cut off all access from the lower floor."

Lodges suffering from lack of interest and consequent small attendance might ponder over the following note of interest:

The largest attendance at any Masonic meeting in the City of Vancouver, was at the regular meeting of Cascade Lodge, held on May 15th, 1922. 685 brethren signed the Porchbook, and a considerable number were unable to obtain admission to the Lodge Room. The attendance on this occasion was due to a Mock Trial which took place immediately after the usual business had been transacted and the lodge closed. "Freemasonry in Vancouver" was placed on trial—nearly all of those taking part were members of the legal profession; the clever speeches of the Counsels for the prosecution and the defence respectively were features of the evening. The jury brought in a verdict of Guilty against the Freemasons of Vancouver in not contributing to charity as their circumstances in life could afford. The Judge imposed a fine on all those present, and the sum of \$170 was collected and presented to the Vancouver Masonic Board of Relief."

The Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. W. A. DeWolf-Smith is in charge of "Foreign Correspondence" and presents a readable report. He is an old school Mason and puts up a strong fight for the Ancient Landmarks. The heretical doctrines of the innovator receive no mercy at his pen while the conservatism which occasionally crops up in the deliverances of officers and committees invariably commands his wholesouled support. He reviews our 1922 meeting under the head of "Ontario." He notes that the meeting was held at the Cities of Fort William and Port Arthur, "but how it was done we do not know." Bro. De Wolf-Smith has the keen insight of the Masonic critic and reads the current literature of Grand Lodge proceedings with wise discrimination. His reviews are illuminating and are notable for their adherence to the established customs and the ancient traditions.—T. S.

CALIFORNIA

The opening of the report of Grand Lodge gives a photograph of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. William R. Shurman, the youngest Grand Master in the history of the Grand Lodge, being only forty-two years of age.

Grand Lodge met in the city of San Francisco on Oct. 9th, 1923, being the seventy-fourth annual communication.

The G.M. visited 350 lodges and travelled some 27,000 miles a prodigious task for one man. He sent out seven bulletins to the lodges during the year in which he dealt with practical problems of importance. These are printed as an addendum to the address, the title of some of them being: "Some things an E. A. ought to know;" "On the problem of illiteracy;" "Toleration." This is a commendable method of keeping in touch with the whole constituency provided it is not overdone. There are nearly 100,000 Masons in the Grand Jurisdiction—about the size of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario.

There are 484 lodges, 38 U.D.—the largest number in one year.

There were eighteen ceremonies of laying cornerstones—two of them state functions by invitation of governors.

A pleasant visit to the Hawaiian Islands was described. A week was spent there and six lodges visited. There are 1,500 Masons on the Islands. It was suggested a D.G.M. should be appointed for this area.

Grand Lodge withdrew from the M.S.A. and sent \$2,000 to the relief of Berkley, destroyed by fire.

It was noted the De Molay boys on coming of age do not readily make application to Masonic lodges.

Passing reference was made to the demise of Pres. William T. Harding, in the following words:

In his passing the nation lost a great and good man, on whom the country had grown to love because of his kindness, humility and humaneness. He was a man of noble and generous impulses, presiding over the nation at a time when the world needs a gospel of love and understanding between man and man and nation and nation.

Reflecting the feeling of sadness of the entire Fraternity in California a message of condolence was forwarded to his beloved wife. I believe as a further acknowledgment of our reverence for his memory, Grand Lodge should pass suitable resolutions, an engrossed copy of which shall be forwarded to Mrs. Harding and also to his aged father.

The G.M.'s view of a Mason's political attitude as a Mason is expressed in the following:

A good Mason is a good citizen, and a good citizen will watch with the closest attention the various municipal, county, state and federal problems that are presented for his determination at the polls. A good Mason, performing his duty as a good citizen, will likewise watch closely such matters as those that affect the schools of the land; matters dealing with immigration; with the selection of individuals to public office, and all these problems come within the scope of the duties of Masons as good citizens. Let us bear in mind that this is a nation of individual rulers; each citizen being a part and parcel of this great government, thus forming a country with more than 110,000,000 rulers. Masons, as a selected class of men, should at all times remember the words of our illustrious Brother Patrick Henry when he warned that "Eternal vigilance is the price of Liberty."

The Grand Treasurer showed a total of cash received amounting to \$228,283.16.

The Grand Secretary reported 8,305 initiations, 8,605 raised and 507 suspended for non-payment of dues.

The Employment Bureau at Los Angeles secured positions for 3,001 men and boys and 570 women. A splendid work of practical philanthropy. The maintenance of the office cost \$3,781.20. This effort was duplicated in several other centres in California.

The Grand Oration was delivered by Bro. John L. McNab, from whose telling address the following excerpts are offered. His subject was "Masonry in Relation to Citizenship.":

The period following the great war has been a period of national and international brainstorm. Governments have been overthrown, kings have lost their crowns, laws have lost their power to command respect, the emotions of the people everywhere are in a state of flux. Hunger respects neither kings nor country. The chaos left by the great struggle has afforded an opportunity to those who would undermine the integrity of our institutions. Taking advantage of the universal discontent the radical strikes at Government as the only

thing which fetters him. He knows neither the cause of his discontent nor the remedy for his wrongs; therefore he attacks the nation.

There are 1,500,000 radicals already within our boundaries clamoring for a change to a communistic state, for the abolition of private property, for the end or representative government for the overthrow of the Republic planned by our Masonic fathers, for stark-naked confiscation of our property won by the toil and sweat of centuries.

This host of radicals has, for the dissemination of its propaganda, 400 magazines and papers, mostly printed in a foreign tongue. It scatters its doctrine among 5,000,000 of people. It has spent during the year just closed \$3,000,000 in the sowing of the gospel of revolt and discontent, the propaganda of the Red.

There are fourteen millions of people in the United States of foreign birth. Over three millions cannot speak the English language.

The anarchist must be stopped at the outer gate. The preacher of anarchy flees from his broken civilization to carry his poison into our social structure. Anarchy is the hapless child of frenzied wrong and nameless discontent—the blind philosophy that levels what it cannot build and sets the torch at the base of free government. Anarchy is the outburst of the pent-up wrongs of centuries—an infection from the running sores of vanished race, the protest of a tortured past; the wild reaction to the lash of heedless oppression laid upon the back of by-gone ages. It loves no government; it hates all discipline.

Two splendid Masonic Homes are provided, one at Decoto and one at Covina—extensions to the latter are costing \$800,000.

The following are conditions upon which Foreign Grand Lodges are to be recognized, as reported by a committee to make such recommendations:

1. That the foreign Grand Lodge in question represents a substantial unity of the Freemasons of the territory over which it assumes jurisdiction; i.e., the Country, Province, or State.

2. That it has been lawfully organized by three or more regular Lodges.

3. That it is independent, having entire dogmatic and administrative authority over resident Masons and the symbolic Degrees within its territorial jurisdiction.

4. That its ritual is fundamentally in accord with the ancient landmarks, customs, and usages of the Craft. This involves:

- A. Monotheism;
 - B. The Volume of the Sacred Law a part of the furniture of the Lodge;
 - C. Secrecy;
 - D. The symbolism of the operative art;
 - E. The division of symbolic Masonry into the three degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Masons;
 - F. The legend of the Third Degree.
5. That it makes Masons of men only.
 6. That it is non-sectarian and non-political; i.e., that its dominant purposes are charitable, benevolent, educational, and religious.

The following was recommended by the committee on Jurisprudence:

It is not in keeping with the dignity of Masonry, or in conformity with our law, that Masons should assemble as a Lodge or as Masons on any Sunday except for some such purpose as attending Masonic Funerals, or other purely Masonic Purpose. Section 78 of our Constitution prohibits the holding of any meeting of a Lodge on Sunday except for funeral services, and Section 115 prohibits the conferring of any degree by any Lodge on Sunday.

Bro. Jesse M. Whited wrote on Foreign Correspondence, following, as is his custom, the topical plan. Subjects of common interest are treated under ten headings. This is followed by sundry topics such as "Found in the Rubbish Heap of the Temple". These are chiefly on practical subjects. Canada appears first under the former list on Masonic education, followed by a quotation from M.W. Bro. Ponton's address in 1922, remarking "it dealt with large subjects and was couched in scholarly and appropriate language."

In respect to Masonic Clubs he quotes from West Virginia as follows:

West Virginia—What is the use of Masonic clubs, anyway, except it be for "joy ride" purposes. Nothing should be done in a Masonic club that could not be done in a regular Masonic lodge.

The writer cannot refrain from inserting a prayer used at a Grand Lodge and criticized in the British Columbia report. It is such a good example of everything a prayer ought not to be.

Almighty God, disposer supreme, and judge of mankind, who from His high throne from Heavens eternal, in number and weight and measure, dost order all the ways of men, be pleased to accept the homage which we offer to Thee from hearts deeply grateful, and in unfeigned reverence for Thy bountiful mercies, both to us and unto the honors of men that endure forever; and that encompasses us about through our uprising and our down sitting; and we are heretoday in the glad sunshine of this glorious May afternoon, every man of us Masons and brothers, emoluments of Thy mercy.

The concluding paragraph is more easily understood:

And now, O Lord God, permit us a more immediate audience, and let Thy fine spirit descend upon this man whom Thou hast chosen and upon his fellow servants who before Thee ask for the light that shall not fail. Grant that the deliberations of this Council may be such as shall fit the Kingdom of Peace and Justice. Enable these men to go back to their respective cities and lodges, in town and country, having glimpsed the Greater City of God, having associated while here with Masons who keep sacrosanct the high place where the distant vistas live, in a world not bleeding and distracted but united to Thee, in the Fatherhood of Thy great name.

We have heard New York called a good many names, but never before "the Greater City of God."

M.W. Bro. Arthur S. Crites, Grand Master.

V.W. Bro. John Wincher, Grand Secretary.

R.C.B.

COLORADO

A fine photograph of the presiding Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Jesse Clinton Wiley, appears on the fly-leaf of this report. It shows the face of a strong man, a leader and a thinker. A brief biography bears this out as he has had an interesting career in civil life as well as in Masonry. His fairness and balanced judgment are shown in the following note:

Filled with a love for his fellow-men, he is willing and anxious to hear all sides of any question, Masonic or otherwise, that may come before him; but after thorough investigation

and having reached a conclusion, he is firm in his convictions and resolute in the discharge of his duty.

Twelve special communications are reported. Grand Lodge met at Denver, Colorado, for the sixty-third Annual on September 18th, 1923. The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Edward P. Hufford gave a concise and business-like address characterized by that modesty that well becometh one who cherishes an exalted conception of the high office which he was called upon to fill. Such a high standard of rectitude and proficiency as well as great dignity might well reduce any individual, conscious of his own unworthiness, to an exceedingly diminished stature.

Three new lodges were constituted during the year. Much value is put upon the office of Grand Lecturer, who receives a salary of \$3,000.00

An unfortunate situation arose over the building of a new Masonic Temple at Denver to which Grand Lodge donated \$5,000. As a consequence of this gift the corporation promised Grand Lodge a Secretary's office, a library and such other room for committee meeting as might from time to time be required. Now the Association demands a rental of \$45.00 per month for any second room that may be used by Grand Lodge. This being refused there is an acrimonious dispute and things are at a deadlock. It is suggested that unless the Association honours the promise given Grand Lodge it may be necessary to prohibit the meeting of any Lodge in the temple. It is greatly hoped that the unfortunate situation may be settled in that spirit which is the very life of our beloved Craft.

The closing paragraph of the Grand Master's address is well worth pondering:

The future needs the best effort and thought of the entire Fraternity. The spirit of unrest abroad in the world—the tendency toward change and innovation is manifesting itself in some Lodges, and, in my opinion, not to their credit. The closer we adhere to the traditions and teachings which have made Freemasonry great, the better will be the experience and history of the years to come. Let us hold fast to the achievements of our ancient brethren and guard well the portals against unworthy applicants. Prosperity and well-being are not manifested by great increase in membership alone, but in

the quality of manhood and love for our avowed purposes, shown by those whom we acclaim as brothers.

The Grand Secretary reported 139 lodges and over 28,000 members.

The Masonic Benevolent Fund has now \$81,883.54 invested besides other bequests from which income is available.

A committee appointed to consider the feasibility of limiting membership in subordinate lodges reported against the proposition.

R.W. Bro. John Andrew gave the Grand Oration, and an eloquent and uplifting one it was:

The institution has continued and its place in the history of the world is secure. Its teaching is unchallenged, its reverence is immortal, and it is a formidable opponent to the foes of truth. Its mission has been to uplift character and establish a nobler manhood, ever endeavoring to build wisely and well the moral structure, by teaching regularity of life, restraint of passion and the practice of the virtues of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. It matters not whether we agree upon all of the legends and symbols of Free Masonry, yet we must admit that they have had an elevating effect upon the internal construction of the Order. The teachings of the three symbolic degrees have been cherished by the Craft. No doubt, defective materials have been added to the structure through over-zealousness, but the ideal has survived. The vision shaped the structure, and, founded on the eternal truth of the revealed Word, and inspired by the blessings of Deity, Masonry has been dedicated to God's service—an influence that has helped to harmonize the masses of civilization and to construct governments, emphasizing always the broadest of toleration, equality of station, sustenance of law and charity universal.

The ritual, ceremony and symbols in the philosophy of Free Masonry, closely connected with the art of building, imply the ideal and urge the practice of every commendable virtue. These are the fundamentals upon which Masonry has stood through the years gone by and we trust they will continue to serve as the foundation of the structure.

It is the duty of every Mason to stand by his own conviction, independent of group policies, avoiding hatred and prejudice, particularly in matters of religion, with which there is no issue; it is his duty to defend the institutions of government and loathe the enemies that are attacking them; and by his knowledge, integrity and unselfish patriotism he should arrive at a right and just solution of problems as they arise, ever remembering that as a Mason he is charged to inculcate and perform his duties to his God, to his neighbor and to himself.

W. Bro. Stanley C. Warner presented the report on Foreign Correspondence. Full and generous treatment was given to the various Grand Jurisdictions, no less than five pages being given to Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario. Two full pages were given to M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton's address which was greatly appreciated. Our discussion on the Grotto proved of interest as well as our non-recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico: and the cablegram of sympathy sent to the Grand Master of Ireland. Bro. Warner makes a business of his work, and provides detailed and helpful information of great value to the whole Craft.

M.W. Bro. Jesse C. Wiley, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. William W. Cooper, Grand Secretary.

R.C.B.

COLUMBIA (District of)

Mark F. Finley, M.W. Grand Master.

Membership 21,132. Net gain 1,183.

The Grand Master's firm and well established character may be gathered both from his portrait which adorns the Proceedings and from his Annual Address.

Several stated and several Special Communications were held and are recorded.

A fine tribute is given to the late P.G.M. Alexander Grant from which we take the following lines:

And so there passes out of our lives one dear to our hearts,
for whose days among us, and for whose influence which will
survive the grave, we are thankful; and so, also—

Fades the light
And afar
Goeth day,
Cometh night,
And a star
Leadeth all
Speedeth all
To their rest.

The Annual Communication was held at Washington in the Masonic Temple, December 19th, 1923,

Fifteen Past Grand Masters showed their fidelity by their attendance.

From the Grand Master's address-we take the following sentences:

In a sense it has been my privilege to preside over a great family assisted by a cabinet composed of the official line of the Grand Lodge and a Senate composed of the Masters of the 34 lodges, all of whom have been so kindly-spirited, helpful and capable that to serve with them has been a real pleasure to me from every angle of contact. The many courtesies extended to me as your Grand Master have made the duties involved only pleasant opportunities for service rather than labor to perform.

He had occasion to rule as follows:

It is obvious that a candidate who cannot walk, or assume certain positions required in the work of the several degrees, without assistance is ineligible, and any contention that he could, if supported, conform to the requirements of the work would be in conflict with both the spirit and the letter of the law.

With regard to the Masonic Home he says:

I witnessed for the first time the very beautiful and real home spirit manifest there in real home surroundings. The members were just one family, old and young alike enjoying a bountiful repast with responding appetites. Brother Moyer seems to embody all the genuine qualities of a Mason doing a real Masonic work, that of fathering those under his care in an earnest and kindly manner. I had not been at the Home for quite a period, but am greatly impressed with the wonderful work there being accomplished.

The Masonic Employment Bureau is evidently doing great work. Have we not room for it in Canada? Let us be abreast of the times and the need of the times. Hear what the Grand Master says:

In these days when hundreds of our brethren, though physically and mentally fit for many years of active work, are, by reason of their age, being supplanted by younger men; and when other hundreds of our young men and young women are being let out of lucrative government positions for various causes; and when hundreds of other members of Masonic families are compelled to find work to help bolster up the necessities of their households; then it is that all the sustaining power of our great Institution is not only needed but absolutely necessary.

The bureau is growing in usefulness every year. While its object is not for the dispensing of charity, yet there is no

nobler charity in the world than to 'help a worthy brother to help himself.'

The Scottish Rite tendered the Grand Master a formal reception which he attended.

Of the Masters' Association he speaks thus. If results are thus good in the D. of C. would they not be equally good in the Cities of Canada?

This alone of all the Grand Jurisdictions has for many years been benefited by an association of the Masters of the lodges. It was my privilege and good fortune to attend every one of the meetings of the association of this year, thereby becoming acquainted with my fellow workers in this glorious fraternity—that close fellowship through which the best results are gained.

One message I have tried to carry to every Mason this year was that of a need for a closer personal interest by each one of us in the welfare of every other Mason in our jurisdiction—a friendly, kindly, personally expressed interest in your neighbor—just spreading the leaven of brotherly love and affection.

He concludes with this thought:

It is a gratifying reflection that these associations will not terminate with my official life, but strengthened and cemented as the years go by, will continue as long as I shall live.

As we turn to the business of this communication "may brotherly love prevail and every moral and social virtue cement us."

The Committee on Jurisprudence speaking of the prerogative jurisdiction of the Grand Master and the right of interference therewith report:

The office of Grand Master existed long before there were any Grand Lodges, which are of comparatively recent origin. They are the successors of the General Assemblies, which prior to 1717 were the whole body of the Craft meeting in annual session. At these assembly meetings a Grand Master was elected, and he retained the office until the next General Assembly meeting. In the interval his authority in the government of the Craft was unlimited. Hence grew up the rights and prerogatives which are considered inherent in the office. These powers were never taken away from the office and cannot be taken away today by any modern legislation. He was elected by the Craft and became its absolute ruler, being limited only in power by the customs, usages and landmarks of the fraternity. Out of this grew the rights and powers inherent in his office.

The Grand Lodge of Venezuela was recommended for recognition.

The assets of the Masonic Temple Fund are reported at over \$523,000 and the liabilities at over \$286,000.

On the Masonic Service Association of the United States the Committee made a fine report of which the beginning is —

Magnificent, enduring, constructive Masonry characterizes the achievements of the Masonic Service Association of the United States. This conclusion of your representatives could alone constitute their report to our brethren, and recognize the personal sacrifice, earnest and brotherly endeavor, and results accomplished by the truly great Masons of our sister jurisdictions, united in the association, and serving the welfare of all people through the improved knowledge and greater work of the Masons of the United States.

The regular St. Johns Day Communication was held on December 27th when the Grand Master-elect was installed and delivered a brief but thoughtful address from which we take the following sentences:

In the Home we have one great concrete evidence of our desire to relieve distress, and help bear one another's burdens. The Home should receive our constant, earnest and careful thought and consideration. The children committed to our care should be given every advantage that it is possible to give them, my thought being that educationally they should be thoroughly equipped to earn a competent livelihood.

Our elder guests, who now have their faces turned towards the West, should be made as comfortable as it is possible to make them. There is urgent need for more ground, a children's building, and a hospital. I would like to see a hospital erected there that will not only adequately care for the needs of the Home, but be so equipped and arranged that any member of the fraternity or his family could take advantage of the opportunity offered and receive treatment and the best medical attention and care that can be had.

A biography of retiring Grand Master Finley fills three pages, as is most proper.

The membership of each Lodge is printed in full.

The Fraternal Correspondence Report is in the able and experienced hands of M.W. Bro. George W. Baird, P.G.M. and we find in it several Jurisdictions reviewed that we have not found in other Proceedings.

Under California Bro. Baird finds the following:

There is no place where a Masonic Club house is more needed than at a University. On the subject of public schools he says "ignorance, apathy and indifference of the average elector regarding the administration of the affairs of our system of public education is appalling, and those who have special interests to serve are not slow to observe and to take advantage of this shortcoming, which renders possible the dissemination through our public schools of insidious propaganda which strikes at the very foundation of our wonderful fabric of Government and admits of the retention of teachers whose Americanism is not always above reproach." These words can hardly be improved. He urges that "our schools must be administered fearlessly, efficiently, impartially and in the interest of ALL of our people." It reads fine, and yet, within a year, a court in the great Golden State has forbidden the purchase of the Bible for a school library.

Bro. Baird throughout does not content himself with quoting, but expresses his agreement or disagreement.

Under Canada he says:

There was a number of distinguished visitors, including Lord Ampthill, Grand Master in England, and Brother Ferril, Grand Master of Massachusetts. In his address the Grand Master said: "I am free to admit that great and good as is the collective work of the large lodges, some are too unwieldy, and few members can individually participate in that great training school of administration," which agrees exactly with our experience.

And he expresses a discriminating appreciation of our Fraternal Correspondence Report of last year in connection with the District of Columbia.

From Georgia we find that he received many suggestions. Among them:

A Master asked if he should collect dues from Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Masons, and was referred to the law which provided that they shall pay dues but not be included in the lodge returns. This differs from our law. We ignore the Entered Apprentice in every way save that he may visit an Entered Apprentice lodge. Under the caption of "Questionnaire," the Grand Master says some of the lodges have adopted a questionnaire which petitioners are required to reply to, which he approves of. (We have made an effort to adopt a similar means of protection.)

He does not approve of noticing the Ku Klux, and thinks Masonry should stand alone. There can be no question of the

correctness of his position. We are not at liberty to encourage any masked order, though we all recognize that in the near future some force must punish criminals, who now escape by technicalities. The *Vigilante* in California in the early fifties, and in Oregon, Washington and Montana ten years later, was what brought order there. He speaks of the ambition of the young Mason to receive the higher degrees. Like ourselves, he believes we should make the blue lodges more attractive; then the boys would stay at home.

The following under Scotland will be interesting not merely to the Brethren of Kilwinning and other Lodges with a distinctly Highland flavor, but to all of us for we are all one:

The annual communication was held at Edinburgh on November 30, 1922. A new lodge was authorized to be instituted at Surabaya, Java. This is in the jurisdiction of Netherlands, but instead of objection being made (as we would probably do) a letter of approval from the Grand Orient of Netherlands was read, the only condition imposed being that its membership should be composed of persons of British birth or nationality and of Americans. The festival of St. Andrew is reported, the toasts given and speeches made. Patriotism was evident in every line. (We have a St. Andrew's Society, composed of men of Scotch descent, most of us are Masons, but it is not considered in any way to be a part of Masonry.) Charters were granted to lodges in Orange River, Tannochside, Larkshire, Bangalore (India), Edinburgh, Earlshall, Fife, Honduras, Inverness, Bombay, Acra (West Africa), and Sabie (Transvaal). It is marvelous how the Scots manage so many lodges in far away lands.

Our colleague's review gives an interesting conclusion of which the following paragraphs are good examples:

We invite attention to the opinions of the Grand Masters as to the condition of the Craft, and the reasons for increase, as well as the cause of apathy. It is a serious matter, and merits attention. We beg leave to invite attention to the address of the Grand Master in Ohio, who points to the abuse the collateral orders of Masonry are indulging in, while deriving their respectability from Masonry. The staging of indecent performances by the Grotto, and the interference of police. Gambling by the Mystic Shrine, and also staging circuses on Sunday. All this reflects on Masonry, and is in defiance of Masonic principles. The Grand Master has no authority, *per se*, over these performances, but has the power to discipline individuals. It is a matter of current history that men join the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery to secure eligibility to these fun-making orders and seldom or rarely attend the Blue Lodge afterwards.

But the fact remains that New York has instituted lodges in a country where a Grand Lodge exists. This is why we severed relations with the Grand Orient of France, and denied recognition to the Grand Orient of Spain. "Consistency, thou art a jewel." We encouraged the installation of lodges in the Philippines, only after the California Masons had found the old Spanish regional lodges impossible.

Charles F. Roberts, Washington, D.C., M.W. Grand Master.

Arvine W. Johnston, Washington, D.C., R.W. Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT, 1923

Five emergent Communications of this Grand Lodge were held during the year. The Annual Communication was held at Hartford, on Feb. 7th, 1923, marking the 35th annual milestone. M.W. Bro. Frank T. Wilder, G.M. presided.

No less than five associate Grand Chaplains appear among the Grand officers.

The Grand Master opened his address with the following paragraph. It indicates the trend of Masonry in the U.S. to take an increasing interest in the National life and to claim influence therein. Our feeling is that Masons should absorb the principles of Masonry so as to become better citizens, and to exercise their citizenship, not as Masons but as citizens, always keeping the Craft as such in the background.

ARKANSAS

Anson Rainey, Past Grand Master, Born March 1, 1848. Died July 6, 1922.

James Buchanan Baker, Past Grand Master. Born June 30, 1856. Died March 17, 1922.

COLORADO

Robert M. Simmons, Past Grand Master, Born December 28, 1847. Died December 7, 1921.

Cornelius Joseph Hart, Past Grand Master. Born June 28, 1838. Died April 26, 1922.

Lawrence Nichols Greenleaf, Past Grand Master, Born Oct. 4, 1838. Died October 25, 1922.

GEORGIA

John Elza Sheppard, Grand Senior Warden. Born 1874. Died November 16, 1922.

IOWA

William H. Norris, Past Grand Master, Born February 3, 1856. Died August 20, 1922.

Nine D.D.G.M.'s gave reports of the doings in their Districts, a digest of which is afforded by the Grand Master in this address.

District No. 6 reports a tendency to lay aside certain evenings for social events when talks of an instructive and patriotic nature are given. In this district the Lodges require proficiency before advancement. These are two important features of Masonic policy.

De Molay Boys.

The order of De Molay Boys has secured such general commendation from Grand Lodges that it seems scarcely necessary to mention it again except in cases where such approval is not given.

Corner-stones of two Masonic Temples were well and truly laid according to ancient custom.

Ku Klux.

The following note on Ku Klux speaks for itself:

While it is the privilege of any Mason to join any organization as long as he does not violate the law of the land or his duty as a Mason, you will say to the lodges that the Grand Master deeply deplores any attempt to connect the oldest and greatest fraternity in the World with this so called "Klan" and that all Masons are cautioned against having any relation or connection as such with the Ku Klux Klan."

In view of the common knowledge of this subject, I am inclined to think that further comment is unnecessary.

An unfortunate experience with one subordinate lodge moved the G.M. to make the following suggestion:

An irresistible temptation has come to the Grand Master in consequence, to suggest that the time is approaching when it may become necessary in Connecticut to limit the number of members in lodges or the number of persons who may be taken into lodges in a given time or to prevent Masons from joining some of the so-called "affiliated bodies" which

base their eligibility on Masonry until they have been Master Masons for a definite period of time. Other Grand Lodges have adopted some of these restrictive measures. Whether we will have to seriously consider any of these propositions will greatly depend upon the conduct of some of our lodges during the next two or three years.

An unusual appeal was made to Grand Lodge to support a Protestant chaplain at the Allingtown Hospital for Injured Veterans, for which purpose \$3,116.00 were immediately subscribed. This shows commendable zeal in the interest of spiritual care and oversight of those who otherwise would be deprived of such.

Masonic Home

The Masonic Home at Wallingford is of great interest to the Craft in Connecticut. Fifty men and sixty-two women are taken care of in the Institution. A substantial increase of funds is greatly needed.

The Grand Treasurer reported an income of \$87,006.52 including a deposit in the Bank of \$10,836.24.

The Grand Secretary, Geo. A. Keyes, reported on Fraternal correspondence from which we quote from the Grand Lodge of Alabama, an interesting paragraph.:

The unseemly zeal of the touters for the so-called "higher degrees" is distracting to the candidate and utterly destructive of the dignity of Freemasonry. But the worst feature is that the idea is constantly instilled into the mind of the new Mason by over zealous Masonic ignoramuses that the Symbolic degrees are no more than necessary stepping stones to obtaining real light in the Royal Arch, Scottish Rite, and Shrine. Every Mason who has made a serious study of the first three degrees knows that they teach every lesson that is taught in any of the so-called "higher degrees." We have taken these other degrees and we do not undervalue their beauty or their worth, but it is a vital stab at Freemasonry to inculcate the idea that the first three degrees are not just as "high" in the morals and philosophy they teach as any degree in the Scottish Rite or Royal Arch.

There is no report from the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario.

M.W. Bro. Arthur M. Brown, W.M. Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Geo. A. Keyes, Grand Secretary.

R.C.B.

CONNECTICUT, 1924

Arthur M. Brown, M.W. Grand Master.

Lodges 119. Average membership of Lodges 346.

Total membership 41,206. Net gain 1,525.

Several Emergent meetings for Dedications and Corner-stones were held during the year.

The Annual Communication was held at Hartford, February 6th, and 7th, 1924.

Canada's Grand Representative did not answer the roll call. It is rare indeed that our Representative does in any of the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States. We mention this so that they may know that they are missed.

Representatives from Rhode Island received Grand Honors and a cordial welcome.

From the address of Grand Master Brown, whose portrait adorns the title page of the Proceedings, we make the following thoughtful extracts:

We are coming to realize more and more, I think, that after all the only real joy in life is found in service to our brothers and to all humanity. The growth in membership in the state has been a healthy one during the past year and there has been manifested an evident desire on the part of young Masons to find some work to do in connection with our great order. This is a healthy sign and these young brethren should be encouraged.

We have the duty of carrying out of the lodge room into the world where we work and play the great principles of brotherly love, relief and truth so beautifully taught within the lodge, and so living and practising these great principles, that our contact with our fellow-men everywhere shall be a blessing and an encouragement to them, and our loved Fraternity thus become a tremendous force for good in this world, a force for right living and right thinking.

The record of his visitations showed a very busy and vigorous year.

With regard to the Masonic Hospital at Allingtown he says:

This is a great charity and must not be allowed to fail. Here is a great opportunity to exemplify in a practical way the

breadth and depth of Masonic charity. Let us not fail but may the response be generous.

His very satisfactory comments upon his visit to the Masonic Service Association of the United States is practical and worth reproducing if for no other reason than to give to our Canadian Brethren the inspiring words of Bro. Joseph Fort Newton:

One cannot close an account of this meeting without expressing the great pleasure and inspiration it was to be privileged to mingle with such a distinguished body of Masons gathered together from every section of our country; leaders in the Masonic life of their several jurisdictions, Grand Master, Past Grand Master, Grand Secretaries, Deputy Grand Masters and other titled Brethren assembled together for the sole purpose of furthering the best interests of the Craft wheresoever dispensed; leaders in American citizenship from all sections of the country playing their part in the everyday, practical application of the principles of our Fraternity, giving freely of their time and their talents in service to their fellow men.

And then to listen to the inspiring words of Brother Joseph Fort Newton as he outlined the future program of the Association. A two-fold program "first to bring America together in co-operative fellowship and service in time of need and calamity; and second to educate Masons in Masonry, that the gentle kindly light which shines on our Altar may find its way through our lives and through our lodges into the world partisan strife and sectarian feud where it is needed. What we want is a service that educates and an education that serves."

It was good to be there and we cannot help but feel that the great work of the Masonic Service Association is well worth while.

With regard to improper practices in raising money the Grand Master speaks out thus:

Masonry should stand firm against the present day tendency to drift away from old-fashioned standards of right and honesty. My brothers, we cannot afford to raise funds for Masonic purposes by selling to him who will buy the chance to obtain something of value for a sum much less than that something is worth, or by any other gambling pretense or device. All such is inherently dishonest. Let us as a Grand Lodge place the seal of our disapproval upon it.

And he concludes with these words which ring true:

Now as we face the future may each one of us strive to build into the warp and woof of his character the great tenets and truths of Freemasonry, and be thus prepared to meet the tremendous problems now facing the civilized world, ever remembering that after all is said and done the question as to

whether a nation shall flourish or decay, survive or perish, will be determined by the measure of the individual characters of its citizens.

A large amount of important business was transacted.

R.W. Bro. George H. Smith of Toronto, represents Connecticut in our Grand Lodge, and we are represented by Bro. Clarence R. Austin of Richmond Hill, N.Y., near the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

Of the Correspondence Circle the veteran Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. George A. Kies is the centre. He finds much to comment upon under New York and we reproduce the following part of his review:

He candidly has no use for the topical form of report. Neither have we.

He concludes with a survey of Masonry in Continental Europe and includes a plea for German Masonry. Keenly remembering the malevolence and hauteur with which the latter repudiated all fellowship with the Masonic world at the beginning of the war, we believe that it is up to them to show repentance before we listen to their whines.

He gives a bit of history:

Masonic situation in Mexico is gradually cleaning up. The illegitimate Valle de Mexico is sustained chiefly by the Mexican Supreme Council which, as far back as 1876, was criticized by ALBERT PIKE for endeavors to dominate the Lodges.

West Virginia also strongly appealed to him and he gathers for us the following:

The G. M. refused permission to the Grotto to meet in a Lodge-room. He protests against the Shrine being regarded as the climax of Masonry, as it has no real connection with the latter.

It is reported that the new Masonic Home is nearing completion.

On Central and South American Grand Orients, his stand is that of your reporter:

Grand Orient-Scottish Rite Masonry and Symbolic Masonry are two different kinds of Freemasonry, at least, I look upon them as such. I get my kind of Masonry from the Grand Lodge of England, which I know to be the genuine sort, and I regard all other brands with suspicion.

We have quoted extensively from Bro. Atkinson. In addition to his Masonic experience as P.G.M. and for 20 years as Grand Secretary, he has served as Governor of his State and as

U.S. judge, and his reports show an admirably balanced judicial temperament. Hence, though we do not invariably agree with him, his opinions are always worthy of consideration.

Canada is briefly but appreciatively treated and he epitomizes the address of the Grand Master but what most interested him was the review of Connecticut in our Correspondence Report of last year by R.W. Bro. Rev. R. C. Blagrove, D.D., who evidently gave him much food for thought and comment.

With reference to our reviewer's suggestion that he criticizes the doings of other Jurisdictions, he says:

We do occasionally express a censorious personal opinion on the acts of some Grand Lodges. Not that we for a moment flatter ourself that such Grand Lodges will deign to change their action. But our reports are written solely for the information of our Conn. brethren. When we indulge in censure, it is with the hope that Conn. will think a number of times before imitating such action. Further, we do not believe that any organization is infallible. Hence their actions are at all times open to criticism, limited only by a just sense of proportion. And in this latter limitation, your reporter candidly admits that he at times falls down.

Bro. Kies is firm and strong but withal, a genial Brother of mellow experience. So are they all these Connecticut Brethren.

They publish separately the full Report of the Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, which is administered on strictly business but also philanthropic principles and is doing a great work.

A picture of the Home at Wallingford well illustrates the permanent strength of their charitable will and their provision both for the present and the future. The Trustees are to be congratulated upon the following result which they chronicle:

In no year in the history of the Home has the list of contributors been so long or the totals of so great a value. It shows that more and more the Masons of the State and the Sisters of the Star have caught the true spirit of Masonry and are expressing their devotion to the cause for which the Home was founded in most satisfactory and substantial manner. The group of men who are charged with the immediate care and responsibility for the management of the Home view this attitude of the Craft and the Sisters with the highest satisfaction.

It guarantees that Connecticut Masons and the immediate members of their families will never need charity.

From their charter we extract the following as to their objects and purposes. We hope it will be in the future useful as a precedent in Ontario:

Sec. 2. The objects and purposes of this corporation shall be to aid, assist, or support, aged, indigent, sick or infirm Freemasons and the widows of Freemasons, and to provide for, maintain, and educate, the orphans of deceased Freemasons, and such children of living Freemasons, as may not otherwise be properly cared for; and for these purposes it shall have the power to use the funds and property of the corporation, and the income therefrom, under such restrictions as are herein imposed; to grant annuities and to lease or purchase lands, and to lease, purchase or construct a suitable building or buildings thereon for a home or asylum for such persons, and to provide for the proper management and operation of the same.

The Eastern Star aids materially in securing contributions and in the Home administration, and the Home is open to their members as relatives of Masons, and by an amendment to the charter.

Ample provision is made for the discharge of beneficiaries and we find the following regulation also:

5. All persons who shall be admitted as Beneficiaries, must transfer all their property, real and personal, to the Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, and in the event of their receiving, by legacy or otherwise, while its beneficiaries, any real or personal estate, such estate must be in like manner transferred to said Foundation, except, that said Beneficiary may have the option of so doing or, of accepting honorable discharge from the care of said corporation.

The 137th Annual Communication will be held in Hartford, February 4th, 1924.

Winthrop Buck, Wethersfield, M.W. Grand Master.
George A. Kies, Hartford, M.W. Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE

The one hundred and eighteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Delaware convened in the city of Wilmington on the third day of Oct., 1923; Charles A. Bamberger being Grand Master. A very brief address was given by the Grand Master, covering matters of practical importance. The following edict will prove of interest to our readers.:

Because of certain information reaching us, we deemed it necessary to issue the following edict under date of November 18, 1922:

To the Masters, Wardens and Brethren of Subordinate Lodges:

Inasmuch as it has come to my attention that members of our subordinate lodges as members of their respective lodges are acting, or have been designated to act on committees not directly connected with said lodges and their Masonic functions, I hereby direct that all such members withdraw at once from such committees, unless they serve simply as individuals, or in a capacity disassociated from their membership in their Masonic lodges.

Fraternally,

Charles A. Bamberger.

He refers in glowing terms to the Masonic Home which was dedicated on May 30th, 1923, at Wilmington. It was a great day in the history of Masonry in the State of Delaware. Cost of alterations and construction, \$93,746.60.

Freemasons are charged to practice charity. Resources unduly restricted prevent the proper discharge of this duty. Devoting income from petition fees to charity rather than to make up any deficient income from dues, will permit freer action in dispensing charity. Freedom of action to the fullest possible extent should be accorded the Master of each Lodge in the consideration of charity expenditures. Neglect to do so delays action which may cause material hardship.

A weekly meeting of a Lodge of Instruction was held in Wilmington during the year. A better attendance at these meetings was urged by the G.M. "We strongly recommend to all officers of Constituent Lodges the need of perfecting themselves in the knowledge of the uniform work which can only be obtained by assiduous efforts." This truly applies to all lodges.

Continued membership in the M.S.A. was urged and an outlay of \$300 for corporate effort in that regard.

Brethren were requested to do everything in their power to assist the De Molay boys organization.

A shorter form of burial service was recommended by a committee appointed for the purpose and adopted.

Seven scholarships were awarded during the year from the Gunning Bedford Jr., Scholarship Fund.

The following beautiful paragraph from the Committee on Necrology is worthy of the high vision that Masonic symbolism suggests and upholds.

For thousands of years man has sought with mortal sight to pierce the mists that separate time from eternity. With uncovered head and trembling heart he has stood upon the shore and watched those whom he has loved embark for the Great beyond, for "that bourn from which no traveler returns." Then to him has come that age old question, "If a man die, shall he live again?" How eagerly has he sought an answer! In his own heart he has found a "loving hope, a fond desire, a longing for immortality." Looking outside of himself he finally realizes that in all nature death is the gateway to life. In autumn the leaves, their purpose fulfilled, take on the glory of a thousand hues soon but to fall and leave their former abode bare and gaunt and cheerless, but lo, with the magic touch of spring, from the bud nurtured by each former leaf before its fall, there bursts forth the glory of a new life. Thus tutored by the handiwork of the Creator he builds up a philosophy of life, of death, and of the resurrection, and with remarkable ingenuity and insight he works over that philosophy, expresses it in symbolic form, and we have our modern Masonry which with the revelation of the Word through faith makes it possible for the Masons to say with the Psalmist, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

A full list of the officers and members of the thirty subordinate lodges is provided.

Bro. Thos. J. Day reported on Masonic Correspondence. He quotes with appreciation from the address by M.W. Bro. Ponton in which he applied a well known stanza to the Twin Cities of the true North, and another in which he deprecated the dissipation of energies by Masons in other than Masonic activities. A note from the Grand Master of Virginia with reference to novel activities within Masonry deserves quotations:

There is developing in certain sections a desire for something new—new organizations which will add new and resplendent glories to an Institution which, in the eyes of these brilliant devotees, has grown old and obsolete. I ring out the challenge that Masonry needs nothing new, and I would raise high the danger signals wherever these distressing symptoms appear. It takes a minister of courage to stand before his people from week to week and preach to congregations, whose desire primarily is entertainment, the religion of the living God. I admire from the bottom of my heart the Mason who is brave enough to stand and weather the gale when some new thought or spirit of innovation invades his Lodge.

ENGLAND

M.W., H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught and Strathern, G.M.

M.W. Rt. Hon. Lord Amphil, Pro G.M.

R.W. Rt. Hon. Sir Frederick Halsey, Bart., D.G.M.

R.W., H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, K.G., Senior Grand Warden.

The pamphlet Proceedings of the Annual Grand Festival held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on 25th April, 1923, open with a wonderful list of prominent Grand Lodge Officers, prominent alike in Masonic as in Imperial affairs, all working together for the common weal.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies, V.W. Bro. Granville Grenfell proclaimed "the Most High, Most Mighty, and Most Illustrious Prince, Arthur, William, Patrick, Albert", Grand Master for the ensuing year, the proclamation closing with this loyal invocation, "whom may the Great Architect of the Universe long preserve."

The Grand Master announced the appointment of H.R.H. The Duke of York as Senior Grand Warden amid loud and long applause, and the Pro Grand Master delivered the following message from the Prince:

The United Grand Lodge of England.

It is a matter of great pride and pleasure to me to receive representatives of Grand Lodge on this occasion of my approaching marriage. I am deeply grateful to my fellow brethren of the Craft to which I am so proud to belong for their fraternal greetings and good wishes. It is no easy task to express my gratitude for the very beautiful and interesting present which you have so generously given to me. I hope you will convey to the members of Grand Lodge how very real and very deep is my appreciation of their kindness. This silver tray will always mark the close bonds which have united and ever will unite my family and Freemasons. (Applause.)

The Grand Master then appointed Rt. Hon. Lord Hewart, Lord Chief Justice of England, as Junior Grand Warden.

Our own familiar friend, Sir John Ferguson, was at his post as Grand Treasurer, and Sir Thomas Willes Chitty (a name dear to all lawyers) as Grand Registrar.

Sir Alfred Robbins, President of the Board of General Purposes, was made Past Grand Warden.

The Grand Master in his address said:

Though I have been absent from England for the best part of six months, I am happy to say that I often hear what is going on in the Masonic world. May I congratulate the Craft not only on increased numbers, but on increased efficiency, interest, and enthusiasm.

I would like to say that I am glad of the progress which is being made with the Million Fund; and, I hope I may be spared long enough to see all those who wish to attend meetings of Grand Lodge, and who are unable to do so now, able to take their places with us. It was a source of great regret to me to see that there were so many of the Brethren unable to find room to-night.

The number registered as in attendance was 1,110.

The presentation to the Duke of York took the form of a massive silver tray dated 1813, having a special family interest as it originally belonged to the first Duke of Cambridge, the bridegroom's great grandfather.

The next Quarterly Communication was holden on 6th June, 1923, in the Central Hall, Westminster, the Masonic Hall being too small for the numbers in attendance, who made the magnificent total of 1,353.

The Grand Master on the Throne.

The Duke of York as Senior Grand Warden was escorted to the Throne and invested amid loud and prolonged cheering.

The President of the Board of General Purposes moved a resolution of special interest to us in Canada as follows:

That the deputation appointed by the M. W. The Grand Master to proceed to Canada in July is hereby charged to convey to the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, and through that Grand Lodge to all Brethren in the Dominion, the fraternal greetings and hearty good wishes of the United Grand Lodge of England, with an assurance that it is the earnest desire of English Freemasons to co-operate with them in the maintenance of the principles and tenets of the Craft and the furtherance of the true objects of Masonry.

With regard to the Masonic Peace Memorial and Million Fund he said:

The task before it is a very difficult and delicate one, and raises considerations of the utmost moment as to the manner of proceeding with such plans and designs, and the method of arrangement of the various portions of the intended structure. It has reported to the Special Committee that it has not been possible yet to submit a report as it had been hoped to do; but it is steadily continuing its work with a hope of bringing it to an early conclusion.

A most interesting trial by way of appeal in connection with two Worshipful Brethren and their Lodge at Surbiton, the appeal being against a decision of the Deputy Grand Master for Surrey was held in open Grand Lodge. The Grand Registrar in stating the case made the following among many other judicial observations:

The object of the ballot, as I understand it, is to protect the voter. The secret is his secret and he cannot be compelled and should not be even asked, to say how he voted. But I think and submit to you that a voter is entitled to state voluntarily how he voted, at all events if he does so for the purpose of testing the correctness of a declaration of the result of a ballot. I know of no law or rule of conduct to prevent his doing so. Indeed, I do not see how the propriety of such a declaration is to be tested unless he is at liberty to do so. There was not, as I understand it, any decision of Grand Lodge on the subject now in hand. In former days a prisoner could not give evidence on his own behalf but we have now abolished all that and introduced a more sensible rule. Let us, if necessary, do the same in Masonry.

The resolution allowing the appeal was carried with three dissentients.

The rules were altered to make a widow eligible for the annuity granted in connection with the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, providing her husband has subscribed for five years and providing she had been married for five years to her husband. This takes the place of the previous rule which required ten years in each case.

A warm discussion took place in connection with a motion to re-admit German aliens to Fraternal privileges in English Lodges. In opposing the resolution the Chairman of the Board, Sir Alfred Robbins said:

In the absolutely overwhelming opinion of the Board of General Purposes, the motion brought before us to-night is decidedly premature.

We put it to Grand Lodge that, in the present state of opinion which we cannot resist, either as Masons or as citizens we cannot say that the passions of war have disappeared with the war itself. We cannot be asked to forget all that passed during the great strife. (Applause.)

We have heard to-night of the inherent right of Lodges to deal with their own members. There is no such inherent right. Grand Lodge is the only body that can frame and define the conditions of membership, and Grand Lodge always has done so.

The motion was defeated with fourteen dissentients.

At the Quarterly Communication held in St. George's Hall, Liverpool, 5th September, 1923, the Pro Grand Master was on the Throne.

This is the first occasion on which Grand Lodge had met outside of London.

The report indicated that 3,500 applications to be present had been received but only 2,209 were present, all that could be seated in the fine old Hall of which Liverpool is so proud and which has the finest tessellated pavement in England.

The Report of the Board of General Purposes ruled that Secretaries alone among the Officers of a Lodge, save in certain defined cases of serving Brethren, were exempted from the payment of subscription. The Board also decided that the designation "Honourary Secretary" is irregular, "Secretary" being the title recognized.

The Board deplored any attempted association of Masonry with business development, and made the following comments with regards to other abuses:

A number of Lodges have received copies of an address, given under the auspices of a Masonic body not recognized by the United Grand Lodge of England, having reference to a matter which is one of international politics. The circulation of such a document in our Lodges is a violation of the immemorial and invariable rule of English Freemasonry to take no part in affairs of State, whether national or international; and the Board trusts that all such attempts at political propaganda among Masons as such will cease.

There of late has been brought to the knowledge of the Board an increase in the practice of circulating among leading Brethren in various parts of the country begging letters professing to be issued by Masons in distressed circumstances, and

even going to the length of enclosing promissory notes already stamped, seeking for immediate pecuniary aid.

A large number of books, pamphlets and curios are at each meeting recorded as having been received by the Library and Museum and are printed in detail in the Proceedings.

Two Thousand Guineas were contributed to the relief of sufferers from the Japanese Earthquake.

From the Pro Grand Master's address we take the following as of special interest to us, and we assure our Brethren of the Jurisdiction of England that they left a deep, lasting and satisfying impression in Canada:

I am not going to take up your time with any lengthy description of the very pleasant travels which my friends and I were privileged to undertake. All that I want to tell you is that all the success which was hoped for and anticipated attended our mission; and, in saying that, let me hasten to explain that I am not claiming any credit either for my colleagues or myself.

Whatever Brethren had been deputed to go to Newfoundland and Canada, the success would have been the same. They were satisfied in the Dominions to see the representatives of the Grand Lodge of England.

I could not possibly have had a better team. So far as I was concerned individually, they provided the various elements that were required for such a task, and collectively they worked together with me as one man.

When we got out to Newfoundland and afterwards to Canada, we realized to the full how important it was to have seized upon that opportunity, and how much it might have been the case that English Freemasons some years hence would have regretted it if that opportunity had been lost, and if you had not sent representatives across the seas. Incidentally, we found a lot of unexpected work to do. We found that the Brethren overseas, not only under our own Jurisdiction but under several other Jurisdictions, were particularly anxious to meet representatives of this Grand Lodge, and to discuss with them in the only way which is really effective—face to face—various questions of mutual interest. To all of us who had the good fortune to meet these Brethren, it was particularly interesting and pleasing to discuss these matters.

Meanwhile I hope that I have sufficiently discharged my duty in telling you that it was well worth your while to send out representatives on that occasion, and that we who had the honour to be your representatives are confident that advantages, which cannot be estimated at present, will result from the intercourse which has thus taken place.

When proposing that the portrait of the Pro Grand Master be painted for the Grand Lodge, Sir Alfred Robbins made a neat speech, of which one sentence will be sufficient: "compliment would be unseemly, yet silence would be unfit."

The Committee on the Masonic Peace Memorial in their report said:

The Special Committee would echo, in regard to the whole movement, the words of H.M. the King, uttered in a not dissimilar connection not long since:—"The men of old times were wise in erecting fine buildings. It is necessary to appeal to the imagination—a public authority meanly housed may be meanly esteemed"; and it can be hoped that when the day comes for opening the Central Masonic Home, the M.W. The Grand Master, will be able only slightly varying His Majesty's words, to exclaim:—"This noble Hall, the seat of the government of English Freemasonry, will be typical of the importance of the duties and responsibilities of the Brethren and should stimulate the development of that sense of Craftsmanship so difficult and yet so imperative to cultivate."

With regards to the meeting in Liverpool the Pro Grand Master said:

I do think that Grand Lodge as a whole will desire to place on record its very hearty and grateful thanks to the Provincial Grand Master and the Brethren of the Province of West Lancashire. It is to them that we owe the stately hospitality which we have enjoyed, and I think I may say on behalf of you that all we appreciate it for the sake of the Craft, because this new experiment has been inaugurated in a manner which will form a dignified and splendid precedent and example for future occasions. It meant everything that this innovation should be carried out for the first time in a really fine manner; and you will agree with me that, so far as the local arrangements are concerned, it could not have been better done than it has been by the Brethren of West Lancashire.

At the Quarterly Communication holden at Kingsway Hall, London, 5th December, 1923, 931 members were registered.

The Pro Grand Master on the Throne.

The President of the Board of Benevolence is a regular appointment of the Grand Master and the veteran occupant of that office, R.W. Bro. James Stephens was conducted to the throne and reinstalled President in due form.

From the report of the Board we take the following with regard to the proposed visit of the President to the United States, and we regret that he did not extend his visit to Canada when in this North American Continent:

It is believed by the Board that the interchange of fraternal information thus secured will be of great mutual service, as being conducive to a fuller understanding between the English-speaking members of the Craft; and the Board gives cordial good wishes to its President in this undertaking.

The Board gives warning as follows:

It is further emphasised the distinct caution then given that any attempt to bring the Craft into the electioneering arena would be treated as a serious Masonic offence. Grand Lodge, the Board is assured, will not hesitate to reaffirm those decisions now.

The Grand Master authorized an appeal for a Japanese Earthquake Relief Fund and immediately the magnificent sum of £11,569 Sterling was subscribed and telegraphed to our Masonic authorities in Japan.

The following resolution was unanimously carried:

That this United Grand Lodge of England accords recognition to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico as the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Ancient and Accepted Freemasons in Mexico

Why does not Canada do the same?

With regard to the motion of a Brother objecting to the report of the Building Committee, Sir Alfred Robbins said:

M.W. Pro Grand Master, I beg to submit that no ease whatever has been made out for this amendment. In point of fact, our Bro. Col. Cobbett appears to forget that, in this matter, we are not tinkering but Temple building, and the two things are vastly different. The new Central Home of Masonry is not intended to be a thing of shreds and patches. It is to be a complete and composite whole. If it were a mere collection of remnants of the past, it would not meet the great idea embodied in the very name which the Grand Master was the first to apply to it. Brother Cobbett is under some misapprehension.

Among the many Lodges for which Warrants were granted we take the following as indicating the far flung brother line of England:

South Croydon, Croydon.
Red Sea, Port Sudan.
St. George's, Shanghai, N. China.
Okrika, Port Harcourt, Nigeria.
Joppa, Birkenhead.
Rangoon, University, Rangoon, Burma.
Lydda, Sarafand—Palestine.
Kaputhola—Punjab.

The next quarterly Communication was held at Freemasons' Hall, London, 5th March, 1924, the Pro Grand Master on the Throne. 876 members present.

On proceeding to the election of Grand Master, Wor. Bro. Sir Jacob Barth said:

The devotion, zeal, and assiduity, which our Grand Master devotes to this Order, are appreciated by every Brother. Under his wise guidance our Order goes on, and is going on, from strength to strength. His high qualities and—if I may say so—his personality, are an invaluable asset to our Institution. But they are invaluable not only to our Institution, but to the Empire which we are all so proud to serve. Every Brother must, in his heart, hope that our Grand Master will be long spared to rule over us.

Grand Registrar Chitty was congratulated upon the distinction of a Baronetcy conferred upon him by the King.

The Board of General Purposes have found much cause for concern in indiscriminating charity and report as follows:

The Grand Secretary of late has received communications from Lodges in different parts of the country, containing complaints that certain persons claiming to be Masons, go systematically from town to town seeking relief, while in some cases evidence has been furnished that the mendicant was an impostor. No relief should be given without the fullest assurance that the applicant is worthy of assistance; and it would be well if every case in which relief is given, because of the apparently urgent need, were reported to the Secretary of the Lodge to which the applicant had claimed to belong, in order that, if imposture is being practised, it shall promptly be traced and put an end to.

They reported that the number of Lodges on the register for 1922 were 3,808, and for 1923 they were 3889. Grand Lodge certificates for 1923 number 24,998, a diminution of nearly 3,000 from 1922, showing that the

Craft is now returning to a more normal rate of growth though still one considerably in excess to that shown in the years of the War and in the period preceding that great upheaval.

With regard to begging appeals, the Vice-President of the Board further says:

Though the charitable feeling of all good Masons ought not to be checked or hampered when legitimate calls are made upon it, yet it is most necessary that impostors be not allowed to exploit it.

Especially it is desired, that all appealing letters should be sent on to the Grand Secretary, whether help is given or is not, so that imposture may be checked, without hampering the flow of legitimate benevolence.

The Grand Lodge of the Republic of Panama was accorded recognition.

An analysis of the attendance at the various meetings of Grand Lodge during 1923 showed the splendid record of 6,438 in all.

When will our English Brethren adopt the practice of printing and distributing their Proceedings in a volume and not in separate leaves or detached pamphlets? The transactions are worthy in substance of the best possible form.

P. Colville Smith, C.V.O., V.W. Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA

John L. Hall, M.W. Grand Master.

Lodges 246. Membership 24,228 Net increase 1,537.

The Ninety-fifth Annual Communication was held in Jacksonville, January 15th, 1924.

The portrait of Grand Master Hall fronts and graces the title page.

Nine Past Grand Masters were present.

M.W. Bro. S. B. Wright, P.G.M. honoured Canada by representing us.

A taste of the quality of the Grand Master may be gathered from the following:

An examination of the pages of history will show the names of the men who were most active in the formative period of our great State, and Masonic records show that in nearly every case these same men were prominently identified with our Order, which explains the wonderful success of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction and is evidence that our forefathers recognized the value of Masonic education and influence upon the minds of the individual citizens of our commonwealth.

The strength of Masonry lies not in its organization, but in the broad principles and influences which are disseminated from the minds of its individual members. The wisdom of its founders has kept our Order free from discord within our ranks and the entanglements that arise from the injection of matters of partisan or sectarian nature, these being questions with which our Fraternity is not concerned, and upon which our individual members are encouraged to form and exercise their own opinions, it being the purpose of Freemasonry to create of its members free-thinking, loyal, individual citizens, inspired with the duty they owe to God, their country, and their fellowmen.

He attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington and announces that the opposition to the formation of a proposed national Grand Body of Masonry was almost unanimous. We in Canada do not understand the objection to this. Surely sovereign Grand rights may be retained and the benefits of consultation and collective action as in the case of the General Grand Chapter, would be many and great. Each would be *Imperium in Imperio*.

Several applications for Dispensations were denied. Among them the following:

I denied the application of one Lodge for a dispensation to participate as a body in a public patriotic parade on the Fourth of July, and of another Lodge to join in an Armistice Day parade, believing that in normal times it is better that Masonic Lodges appear in public only upon strictly Masonic occasions. Masonry will not be found lacking in representation on other occasions, as in every community our Fraternity will be found properly represented by individual Masons within the ranks of the civic, patriotic and military organizations.

The Grand Master laid no less than ten Cornerstones. Why has this fine old function gone out of fashion in Canada?

With regard to a Publication's announcement as to endorsement by the Grand Lodge of Florida, the Grand Master says prudently:

The safest policy for this Grand Lodge and the Particular Lodges under its jurisdiction in the future will be to refrain from giving endorsement to, or allowing the name of Masonry to be connected with, any activity, except such as is under the direct control of the Fraternity.

Among no less than 43 decisions made by him, all of which indicate the care and skill with which he handled the complications that arose during the year's agenda, we find the following:

The Grand Lodge, does not allow the Particular Lodges under its jurisdiction to give or sponsor any public entertainment to which admission is charged.

Q. Can a member who has been expelled by his Lodge and who has appealed, be represented before the Grand Lodge by attorney?

A. Yes, he is entitled to be so represented, but his counsel must be a Mason.

Q. Is there any connection between the Ku Klux Klan and Masonry?

A. No. There is no connection whatever between the Ku Klux Klan and Masonry. Masonry is not connected in any way with any other organization.

And he concludes with this modest summing up:

During the short span of life allotted to man it would be impossible for anyone to perform service that would adequately compensate for the distinction of being elevated to the highest office within the gift of this Fraternity.

I hope that I may be allowed to rededicate my life to the service of Freemasonry as an humble worker within its ranks.

The Fellowcraft Degree was conferred and the Installation and Past Masters' Degree was conducted in form.

The special Report on Foreign Correspondence indicated the requirements for recognition of a Grand Jurisdiction as follows:

That it is a reasonable, independent, self-governing organization with sole, undisputed and exclusive authority over

the symbolic Lodges of its Jurisdiction, and not in any sense whatever subject to, or dividing such authority with a Supreme Council or other Power claiming ritualistic or other supervision or control.

That its membership is composed of men exclusively and that it entertains no Masonic relation with mixed Lodges or bodies admitting women into their fellowship.

That it adheres in principle to the Ancient Landmarks, traditions, customs, and usages of the Craft, as set forth in the constitutions adopted by the Grand Lodge of England in 1723.

Bro. Stafford Caldwell on short notice and with marked ability filled the place of the Grand Orator and addressed Grand Lodge on Education. Of his fruitful sentences the following are examples:

Progress in Masonry is a search for light. A candidate for this ancient and honorable Fraternity must avow his desire for knowledge and his wish to be of real service to his fellowman, before he is ever placed in position to knock at our portals for admittance.

At that early day, when education was allowed only to the nobles and the clergy, Free and Accepted Masonry, under the guidance of this noble teacher, proclaimed that every man was entitled to develop his mentality and spiritual aspirations unto the uttermost.

Consider the moral lessons he can learn and the spiritual inspiration he can receive, by perusing the works of those who are able to put into attractive form the moral sentiments of the race.

For instance, the King James version of the Bible and the works of Shakespeare, are acknowledged to be the leading literature of the English language. Contemplate the great moral lesson inculcated by one of Shakespeare's beautiful passages:

"Who steals my purse steals trash—
'Tis something, nothing—
'Twas mine, 'tis his,
And has been slave to thousands;
But he that filches from me my good name
Robs me of that which not enriches him
And makes me poor indeed."

What a sermon against slander. What a sermon against defamation, what a sermon against hasty speech and bearing false witness. What a reminder that by no hasty utterance should we ever be guilty of injustice to our fellowman.

Take a short passage from the Sacred Writings, touching the glory, the magnificence of man:

"What is man that Thou art mindful of him? And the son of man that Thou visitest him? For Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels and has crowned him with glory and honor."

What an admonition for right living. What a sermon within those few words. What eulogy of man and his work when at his best.

The children grow up in your home and they become a part of your environment. The environment in your home, the kind of schools that you are supporting, the kind of schools that you have around them, fix the destinies of your child.

The Reports of the Trustees of the Masonic Home and of the Trustees of the Masonic Temple were received and showed most satisfactory work.

The Representative of Florida in Canada is given as Bro. George W. Clendenan of Toronto.

As soon as we read a few lines of the Twenty-fourth Correspondence Report of M.W. Bro. Silas B. Wright we are conscious that we are in touch with a master hand.

Under Alberta in speaking of the Grand Master's visit to the Peace River Country he says:

The Grand Master expressed great pleasure at being able to visit the extreme "out-skirts of civilization" in this new land and found there Lodges comfortably housed and properly equipped and officered by capable and enthusiastic Brethren. He expresses great pleasure in finding those Lodges, in the out-skirts of civilization and finding there country Lodges, large in numbers, and from widely separated Jurisdictions in North America. These experiences are the indication of the real brotherhood of the Craft and the real service it is doing for its members, by enabling them for every quarter of the globe to get benefit of Masonic privileges.

And from P.G.M. Taylor's Report he takes the following verse:

MYSELF

"I have to live with myself, and so
I want to be fit for myself to know.
I want to be able, as the days go by,
Always to look myself straight in the eye;
I don't want to stand with the setting sun,
And hate myself for the things I've done.

Under British Columbia he makes the following comment:

The Grand Master also suggested that more frequent use should be made of "light stand-up refreshments" after the Lodge is over in preference to what we term "banquets."

The peripatetic method gives more opportunity for increasing our acquaintance with each other.

Under Canada we find marked emphasis placed upon the visit of Lord Amphill and his colleagues, and with regard to the Grand Master (the present reviewer) he says:

The address of the Grand Master covers forty pages of the record and shows him to have been an exceedingly busy workman.

He visited a large number of Lodges in nearly every section of the province.

"He expressed special pleasure that the members in such large numbers had come back from the "gates of death" from the far flung battle line to form the "far flung brother line on the American-Canadian Border."

He urged that the Lodges should at least, once every year, preferably on one of the St. John's Days be encouraged and it should be made an annual duty to attend Divine Service and preferably in Lodge regalia. He says let them show that they are a band of men whose hearts God has touched with the Great Light.

He is evidently much struck with the review of Florida last year by W. Bro. Blagrove and says:

Florida for 1922 is written by "R.C.B."

He quotes from the address of Grand Master Ketchum and approves of his paragraph regarding the public school system and the necessity for Americans to keep up our public schools.

He also thinks it the duty of the Masonic fraternity to stand behind the organization of the Boy Scouts and thinks a great deal of good can be accomplished if every Lodge would elect to attend Divine Service in a body on some Sunday in each and every month.

He has a kind word to say for our report and expressed thanks for the compliments which were paid to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

He finds the District of Columbia a fertile field and comments thus:

Brother Baird warns all of the proposed adoption of resolution which would put an end to friendly relations with all the Grand Lodges in the United States. The resolution proposed would provide for the recognition of women as full members.

Here in the United States there is danger of it becoming more popular because whims and fads are so much more prevalent.

The Proceedings of New Jersey occupy pages of the review being mainly taken up with the address of M.W. Bro. Townsend Scudder on Universal Masonry.:

M. W. Brother Townsend Scudder, P.G.M. of New York, then addressed the Grand Lodge on the subject of "Universal Masonry." He entered into a detailed description of the purposes and objects of the organization and the Grand Lodge of Alpina and urged all American Grand Lodges to join in some measure of Masonic co-operation. It was for lack of this Masonic co-operation that the American Masons were not recognized during the war and were not permitted to send a Masonic committee for itself to work among the soldiers and the allies.

The Grand Lodge of New York has been severely criticized for sending a delegation to meet with the Grand Lodges in Alpina, Switzerland, and were of the opinion that very few appreciate the objects and purposes of that meeting nor how it happened that New York sent a representative.

Under New York he also develops this subject at length and gives the Report of the Grand Master in full, indicating certain safe-guards that were to be insisted upon if co-operation and co-ordination were sought and found possible.

The conclusion of our colleague is filled full with good matter. As to Masonic funerals of soldiers he says under "Taps.":

It has been a rule and regulation that where funeral services are conducted by Masonic Lodges, it shall have final charge of the ceremony, and that if other services are used, such service must precede the Masonic rite.

"Being an ex-service man myself, I fully appreciate the fact that neither the salute nor taps could be given other than at the very last. No soldier would stand for it for the ceremony, if given at the wrong time, would lose its meaning. For the soldier, no other ceremony carries such deep significance. It is an honor, a vindication, a tribute. It is a farewell, a blessing, an incense. It is a reverence, a prayer, a benediction. It is the expression of all that is deepest and best in the heart of a soldier. I am satisfied that it would be a grave mistake for us, as Masons, to interfere with it.

Of the so-called Higher Degrees he says:

The year past has shown a disposition among the Grand Lodges for a more conciliatory attitude in relation to the so-

called higher degrees. There has been less disposition to pass drastic legislation, and there is evidence of sincere desire to assume a specified attitude. Two or three years ago there was a great mania for Masonic degrees and everyone was joining everything he could get into. It was felt that the Lodge was being neglected. That men were being attracted by the glamour and hurrah of the allied organization.

As to the English language in the Public Schools he gives no uncertain opinion:

We realize the desire of parents of foreign birth to give their children instruction in the language of their nation. It is little less than a crime to teach these languages to children at the expense of the instruction in English.

And as a tail piece he gives the following interesting information as to the personnel and avocations of the signers of the Declaration of Independence which may be new to our readers:

Although we appreciated the fact that the average correspondence writer for the Grand Lodge is not intended as a Historian nor a news writer, still the "tail-wagging" conclusions which I have from time to time published for our readers, seem to have been popular and frequently quoted from. I am going out of my way this time to publish the following:

DID YOU KNOW

That there were fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence? .

Twenty-six were lawyers? Eight were mechanics? Seven were farmers? Six were physicians? Two were soldiers? Two were statesmen? One was a sailor? One was a surveyor? One was a printer? One was a shoemaker? One was a minister?

The oldest signer was Benjamin Franklin, printer, aged 70? The youngest signer was Edward Rutledge, lawyer, aged 26?

The last survivor among the signers, Charles Carroll, died November 14, 1832, aged 95?

That with four or five exceptions all were Masons?

T. T. Todd, Pensacola, M.W. Grand Master.

Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville, R.W. Grand Secretary.

IDAHO

Grand Lodge held the 56th Annual Communication at Boise on Sept. 11th, 1923. The Grand Master, George M. Scott, presiding. Three special communications were held during the year. This first meeting to be held in the magnificent new Temple erected by the lodges of Boise was a happy event. Grand Master Scott is a writer of racy English, his phraeology being most felicitous, and his words running with fluent grace and ease, for instance:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A. M. of Idaho:

After an absence of three years from Boise, the headquarters of Freemasonry in Idaho, we are again assembled as a Grand Lodge in annual communication in this beautiful city, to renew old and happy acquaintances and friendships and form new ones which in many cases will develop into lasting bonds of brotherly love, until our labors on this earth shall be ended—to review and act on the reports of the year's work, drawing designs upon the trestleboard that the Craft may pursue their labors.

The Grand Master's attitude toward M.S.A. is shown in the following:

Times of peace have brought about a change from the original idea of relief service to one of developing an organization of education, by the distribution of literature and the conduct of lecture bureaux. I am not impressed with this work as applicable to our needs. Our jurisdiction is too small in numbers and great in territory for us to afford the advantages of the lecture bureau and the expense of maintaining our membership for the monthly leaflet distributed to the lodges each month is too great for the benefits derived. We could far better devote this amount as part of a fund to carry on a system of Masonic study of our own. I, therefore, recommend that we withdraw at this time from the National Masonic Service Association.

The following statement with regard to the conduct of Shriners deserves special notice as being often quite true:

They seem to have the idea that a Shrine ceremonial is a proper occasion for a Mason to put aside his Masonry and to forget his manhood and to turn loose whatever of lower nature he is possessed of.

Apparently it makes no difference where it is, at Burley, Blackfoot, Pocatello, Sandpoint or Boise—always the same scandalous reports follow. Even following the National Conclaves at Portland and San Francisco, reports pass from one to

another that prominent Masons were drunk, incapacitated and in other ways making an unseemly display of their surrender to passions which every Mason is strictly enjoined to keep under control.

We inspect a candidate for Masonic degrees with the greatest care in these respects, and properly so, and if it is found that he takes a drink or two occasionally he is subjected to the closest scrutiny and likely encounters a black ball at the very entrance. But admitted and made a Shriner he can indulge in his periodical orgies with entire impunity, and even with a certain amount of applause.

No proof of these conditions is offered here, none is required. It is a matter of common report among our members, as well as among non-Masons. Even our critics and enemies know it and use it to our chagrin. Many members of this Grand Lodge know of their own knowledge that this is not an over-statement or exaggeration. Neither is there any desire to criticize the Shrine, its purposes or the men who belong to it, but we have a right to demand that these practices which are bringing the Masonic Fraternity into disrepute and odium must be stopped.

Let it be understood that a Mason's obligations are as binding in a Shrine Ceremonial as in other walks of life. And let it be known that this Grand Lodge takes its stand in support of the laws of Masonry, the laws of morality and the laws of the land, local and national.

A committee appointed on this matter, reported as follows:

Referring to that part of the Grand Master's address concerning the Mystric Shrine, we recommend that the incoming Grand Master appoint a Commission consisting of three members of this Grand Lodge with power to investigate conditions, and acts of members of any of our lodges, or of any Master Mason within our jurisdiction, whose acts while attending the meetings or ceremonials of the Shrine are such as to reflect disgrace or dishonor or the good name of Masonry in this jurisdiction.

Said Commission shall have power to summon witnesses and take testimony, furnishing a transcript of the evidence to the Grand Lodge for its action and disposition at the 1924 session.

The Division of the Grand Jurisdiction into districts having D.D.G.M.'s as we have was recommended.

The Grand Treasurer reported Government Bonds to the credit of the Orphan's fund amounting to \$103,830.

The Grand Lecturer, in the course of an address notable for wisdom and judgment, makes the following observations:

There is a general impression abroad that throughout the various Grand Jurisdictions, lodges are being converted into veritable degree mills. This is not true in Idaho except as it might be applied to half a dozen of our larger lodges. It is truly a sad condition where the lodge must devote all its time to the conferring of degrees. That each candidate should be taken through the various degrees alone in order to receive the worth of his money is a fallacy. It is too often the case that when a number of degrees are conferred on the same evening, after the first degree the officers begin to hurry as the members begin to depart. They find themselves going at railroad speed in order that a quorum may be present to close the lodge.

Again we often hear that too much attention is given to the Ritual. This has not been my experience. The Ritual is fundamental. To attempt to confer degrees without a thorough knowledge of the Ritual is a travesty on Masonry. But the work should not end with ritualistic perfection.

After a years careful study of the conditions that prevail throughout the state, the conclusion is reached that a lodge cannot rise higher than the leadership of its Master, that upon him depends the success or failure of any undertaking. He can not delegate the exercise of his duties to another. He, himself, must be the moving spirit; his appeal to his brethren must be "Follow me."

A Resolution requesting the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Denmark was referred to the incoming committee on foreign jurisdictions.

The committee on Jurisprudence recommended the following:

That every candidate who receives the Degree of Master Mason after October 1, 1923, shall be required to pass a satisfactory examination as to his proficiency therein within six months after receiving said degree, and upon his failure to do so he shall automatically be denied the right of lodge attendance until such examination is passed. Provided, however, the Master may authorize his posting and examination after such date.

A full list of all officers and members of constituent lodges is provided in the Report.

Foreign Correspondence.

A detailed and well-arranged report under this heading is given by Bro. George E. Knepper. It is full of valuable information concisely presented and shows much careful study and planning. We thank Bro. Knepper for his courteous explanation of Bro. Brown's reference to the Order of the Eastern Star.

M.W. Bro. Victor Peterson, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Curtis F. Pike, Grand Secretary.

R. C. B.

ILLINOIS

The Eighty-fourth Anniversary of Grand Lodge of Illinois met in the city of Chicago on Oct. 9th, 1923; M.W. Bro. Elmer F. Beach, Grand Master, presiding. In his address to Grand Lodge the Grand Master dealt mainly with practical questions of administration, but in his introduction struck a note which in principle should always be observed in Masonry:

Nations are only aggregations of individuals; the thought and conscience of a nation are the combined thought and conscience of its citizens. Educate the individual, remove doubt, suspicion and hate from his mind, instill into his heart love for his fellow man and a generous recognition of the rights of others—teach him and the world the fundamental concepts of justice, righteousness and fraternal love which we have been taught at the altar of Masonry, and the nations will then live in a state of International Brotherhood, and universal peace will have been established. What the world most needs is fraternalism. That is the essence of our universal institution. Let us be loyal to the tenets of Freemasonry, and we shall have contributed our full share to the establishment of this happy condition.

It is not what Masonry nor Masonry may do in a direct way that is its chief value but for what men as citizens may be inspired to do for the world by virtue of the training and inspiration they may individually receive from their association in the Craft.

A warning was issued to all Master Masons to be on guard against any extension of the Grand Orient of Spain, "an illegitimate and spurious spawn," which had invaded the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Phillipine Islands, a regularly constituted Grand Lodge, almost universally recognized.

It was found necessary to deal severely during the year with two lodges where the law against smoking had been persistently violated.

A Ruling was made that no mason could be charged with Unmasonic conduct by any other than members of his own lodge.

Some lodges insist on holding meetings on a day fixed by the full moon and are accordingly called "moon lodges." Considerable inconvenience was experienced by this custom as during some months there would not

be a meeting at all. A committee of Grand Lodge was appointed to bring in a recommendation making "moon lodges" illegal.

A ceremony of receiving the flag as part of the ritual in all lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction was in some lodges falling into desuetude. An unequivocal interpretation of the law with respect to this ceremony was requested by the G.M. so that there might not be any difficulty in the future in enforcing proper recognition of it. It would seem to us to be a fitting thing particularly in such a cosmopolitan state as Illinois. We are taught in Masonry to observe due allegiance to the country of our adoption.

A splendid new Masonic temple in Chicago was dedicated by the Grand Master on Feb. 24, 1923, a picture of which appears in the report.

Ten lodges were dedicated, and 28 instituted during the year, a splendid record of Masonic interest and activity.

The Grand Treasurer's report showed an income of \$527,996.22 less a credit at the beginning of the year of \$270,523.64. The charity fund committee handled the splendid sum of \$349,905.63.

The Grand Oration was given by Bro. Charles H. Spilman—a newspaper reporter. We submit a few paragraphs from this fine address:

It is the mission of Masonry to give to men a perception of that which is good, to inspire in them a desire for that which is right, to fire them with ambition to establish here among us the nearest counterpart to that house not made with hands. Thus far and no further does it care to go. Its underlying principle of the right to private judgment is never lost to sight nor in the least abridged, and while it approves the participation of all citizens in the consideration of those things which affect the home, the school, and the fabric of our government, it never in the slightest degree seeks as an organized body to control thought or force action.

The greatest contribution to the fraternity was the acknowledgment of the Bible as the rule and guide of our faith. No institution placed with worthy intent upon that foundation, and fostered by its teachings, can fail of its purpose. The free thinker, the scoffer, the non-religious may take from its pages passages which to their warped mentalities may seem to serve their purpose of argument, but to the serious minded and

pure of heart it will ever remain a well of refreshment, a rock of shelter in a weary land.

And this, my brethren, is the gospel of Freemasonry, to bring down to each passing moment the age-old but changeless Golden Rule—"do unto others as you would that they should do unto you." Make use of the treasure placed in your hands and you will find that it smoothes the highway of life, softens its contacts and cheers its gloom. Strive without ceasing for the right and we shall have the reward of those who labor not in vain for

"He cancels the curse of Eden, and brings them a blessing instead.

Blessed are they that labor, for Jesus partakes of their bread."

Bro. Alexander H. Bell presented a P.G.M.'s Jewel to the retiring Grand Master. In doing so he paid a graceful tribute to the character and worth of Elmer F. Beach from which we offer the following:

He has governed with dignity and discretion, wisely and tactfully, and he now retires from this great office bearing with him the sincere affection of all his brethren in this grand jurisdiction. While Brother Beach will take his place among us as a Past Grand Master, he will never be a "has-been" in this Grand Lodge.

Bro. Delmar D. Darrah, wrote on Masonic Correspondence. He refrains from comment on principle believing that his duty is best discharged when avoiding all expression of opinion no matter how great the temptation. He urges an endowment fund for the maintenance of the Craft in the future and the presentation of a Bible to every initiated candidate. We agree with the latter suggestion, but digress from the former. When an institution cannot carry itself from year to year by its own inherent interest and value it deserves to languish. An endowment for maintenance would be the greatest encouragement to apathy. We saw a Bible presented to a candidate last night upon which he took his obligation in the third degree and it was greatly appreciated, and, we believe, will be more and more as time goes on. A good report is given of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, and the Fort William meeting. It is observed that:

The Grand Master says many excellent things and a perusal of the report should bring great inspiration to the Masons of the jurisdiction.

M.W. Bro. Arthur E. Wood, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Owen Scott, Grand Secretary.

R. B. C.

INDIANA

Three striking photographs adorn the opening pages of this report. They are those of the Past Grand Master then presiding, Robert W. Phillips, the present Grand Master Charles A. Lippincott and the Grand Secretary, William H. Swintz. Convocation convened for the 106th time on May 22nd, 1923, in the city of Indianapolis with 543 lodges represented. An outstanding feature of the opening of almost all the addresses given by Ruling Grand Masters is the note of thanksgiving to Almighty God for opportunities of service and the blessings of life. It is not wanting in M.W. Bro. Phillips' address to Grand Lodge. He reported convening of Grand Lodge for the purpose of laying corner-stones no less than 13 times, which indicates a high appreciation of the Craft throughout the State. Eight new Masonic Temples were dedicated during the year—a great showing.

Carelessness

It is almost incredible how careless lodges can become both in regard to the ordinary work and in regard to the spirit and dignity of Masonry, for instance:—

Hiawatha No. 528—On November 15, 1922, Brother Ivory C. Tolle, Grand Instructor, reported to me that he had visited Hiawatha Lodge No. 528, located at Hudson, Ind., and that they were in a very deplorable condition.

Officers were not posted in their work, none of them being able to give certain parts of the work in the F. C. Degree, and no attempt was being made to improve these conditions since their previous inspection held by Brother Herbert A. Graham, November 25, 1920.

Secretary's records were in a deplorable condition, no attempt being made to follow the forms and short cuts made wherever possible to do so.

Masonic law was violated openly, and these violations were so recorded in the minutes of the Lodge—these, however, were done through ignorance of the law.

The lodge was placed under penalty of probation, which afterward on assured improvement was lifted.

A letter sent by the G.M. to the Lodges during the year has the following important note:

A most flagrant case is where a Brother called on a rejected candidate and asked him what was the trouble between him and "Jones" and "Brown," and informed him that they had made an unfavorable report on his petition the night before. This Brother should have been charged, tried and expelled at once. If we are to properly guard our Lodges against the admission of persons who would not make real Masons, the investigating committees should thoroughly investigate the applicant at his former residence as well as at his present residence and feel absolutely secure in reporting the full and complete results of their investigations. Where, my Brethren, can a man speak freely if not in the presence of his Masonic Brethren, especially when the best interests of the Fraternity are at stake?

These cases must show you clearly the need for bridling some tongues. Ours is a Secret order. Those on the outside do not expect to know what takes place within our walls and are surprised when a weak Brother talks too much. It also lessens their regard for the Fraternity. Even in the dispensing of Charity it should be done quietly and without ostentation. If the public finds it out, let the information come from some other than the lips of a Freemason. Our Fraternity needs neither defense nor advertising. Let its character be expressed in deeds, not words. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

After giving an account of a meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association, the Grand Master described the proposed memorial in the following words. It is certainly of interest to Masons everywhere as a worthy project.

This wonderful building, when completed, will be 160 feet wide by 230 deep, exclusive of its steps, terraces and approaches, and will be 200 feet high.

Its form, in order to make it distinctive from the many other beautiful buildings, of which there are so many in and near Washington, D.C., will be patterned after that of the immense towers built by the Greeks and Romans of ancient times to mark the entrance to their harbors and which could be easily seen for many miles out to sea. This great tower of our Memorial Building will represent to the world at large the spirit in which we revere the memory of George Washington the Mason, who was the great outstanding figure in the founding of our Nation, and whose fundamental principles of government were no doubt based on the fundamental teachings of Freemasonry.

One of the stately features of this Memorial will be the Atrium, 70x100 feet in dimension, which will be known as Memorial Hall. The ceiling of this room will be 64 feet high, and in this immense room will be placed the statue of George Washington the Mason.

Rising above Memorial Hall, and forming the second story of the building, will be the museum room, which will be 50x75

feet and will also have a lofty ceiling, and in this room will be housed the many relics of George Washington, of Masonry in Colonial times, and many other valuable historical relics, now the property of Alexandra, Washington, No. 22, A.F. & A.M.

The Grand Instructor, appointed by the Grand Master occupies no easy position, as the following words testify.:

One of the very important appointments of the Grand Master is that of the Grand Instructor, requiring as it does a Brother who is a ritualist, a diplomat, a jurist, an accountant, who is equipped with patience, love and charity, yet with a firmness to demand conformity to Masonic law and with a physique and nerves that will withstand the strain of three meetings a day.

Our Grand Instructor, W. Brother Ivory C. Tolle, is fulfilling the duties of that office and doing a wonderful work among the Lodges over the State. He has made many examinations and held a great many Lodges of Instructions throughout the Grand Jurisdiction, and after each meeting I have carefully gone over his report and have augmented his work by writing the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, and in many instances I have received from them replies telling of the great benefit derived from the visit of Brother Tolle.

The Masonic Home at Franklin is of great concern to all Masons in the State. 355 persons were reported to be under the supervision of the Home which is crowded to capacity and more room still required. It combines children and old folks. A request is being made for a contribution of \$100 a member for enlargement and upkeep. Lodges are stimulated to compete for banner givings. The plant is at present worth one million dollars and during the last twelve years has cost the brethren only an average of 50c. per annum. There are 117,000 Masons in the Grand Jurisdiction. A hospital addition to the Home was provided by the O.E.S., and a Boys' Cottage was built last year by the Knights Templar. A large school building and auditorium is being added this year. A long and detailed report is furnished showing the great pride felt by Grand Lodge in this splendid Masonic enterprise.

Receiving Degrees.

The following interesting report is made by a committee appointed for the purpose. It speaks for itself.

Your committee disapproves of the action of the Most Worshipful Grand Master in permitting the Lodge to confer

the degrees after the limitation had expired, being a violation of Section 95 of the General Regulations, which provides that should an elected candidate fail to present himself for initiation within one year after his election to receive the Degrees, he shall forfeit his right to receive the Degrees, and the fee for the Degrees shall be returned to him, and thereafter he can only receive the Degrees by filing a new and original petition in the usual manner.

Correspondence was written by Bro. Elmar F. Gay, who also gave a digest of Masonic population as follows:

Masonic Lodges in U.S., 15,858
 Members in U.S. 2,767,966.
 Net increase 173,982.
 Masonic Lodges in Canada 1,187.
 Members in Canada 163,158.
 Total gain 11,770.

The Grand Lodge of Canada is reported under the title of Ontario, which is quite right for the understanding of those who do not know our history. The Fort William meeting is given ample space including long quotations from the M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton's address and the report on the condition of Masonry.

Chas. A. Lippincott, Grand Master.

Wm. H. Swintz, Grand Secretary.

R. C. B.

IOWA

Grand Lodge of Iowa met in Annual Communication on June 24th, 1923. M.W. Frank W. Glaze being Grand Master, and R.W. Newton A. Parvin, Grand Secretary.

M.W. Bro. F. W. Glaze is a product of the farm, whence so many good citizens and excellent Masons come. He was not made a Mason until 47 years of age, so his progress in the Craft has been unusual.

Bro. C. W. Britton, President of the Chamber of Commerce gave the official welcome in behalf of the fraternity and the citizens of Sioux City. He gave a racy and telling address, from which we quote:

In turning over to you the keys, I want to detour from the conventional address that I am supposed to give, turning my-

self into a rooster bragging about those respects in which we surpass every other city in the world. We are proud of our city. We have a city of eighty thousand souls. Located, as the literature says, beautifully on these hills at the confluence of the Sioux and the Missouri Rivers. And at such a place cyclones are said never to strike, but we are struck by the Midland crowd.

Babson says that ninety-three per cent. of all business is done upon an honest basis; that all those who are dishonest in business fail sooner or later; that the seven per cent. of failures are due to fraud or dishonesty. I believe in Sioux City we are up to the average. The seven per cent. is always in the spot light, but the ninety-three per cent. is what makes the city eventually, and I believe the most of us are for the ninety-three per cent.

Now may I have a word of preachers exhortation in closing. Another illustration, if you please. The flying fish lives in the sea. That is his habitat. That is his customary place, but occasionally he takes a dash up into the air and his fins flash in the sunlight, and then back he goes into his customary place of living. Now, conventions are in a way a flash—they may be—and the danger is that we come to conventions and we leave with the highest ideals of Masonry, and we always in public advocate the things not that we are ashamed of, but those things of which we are proud, then the danger is that we go back and forget that we are under obligations to live up to those highest ideals.

As you go home from here, may the result of this convention be that you will be better home makers, better city makers, better nation builders. You are welcome.

The Grand Matron of the O.E.S. was given a welcome and addressed Grand Lodge, specially on The Home, urging co-operation on that behalf. The cost per inmate in the Home was reported as amounting to approximately \$500 per annum.

Grand Master's Address

The Grand Master referred in glowing terms to the achievement of Sioux City Masons in erecting the splendid Masonic Temple in which Grand Lodge now for the first time, convened—a building owned by the fraternity and dedicated solely to Masonic uses.

Five emergent meetings were held during the year and eight lodges constituted.

Knife and Fork Masons

I was present at four of the Grand Lodge Schools held by Brothers Tripp and Ames. They worked hard early and late, but the attendance at all four Schools was small and not what it should have been. Even the officers of the local lodges did not attend as they should. I found one thing to be true at every place we visited—that the Brethren all turned out when a banquet was announced. I am sorry to say there are too many “Knife and Fork Masons.”

The Grand Master voices our own feelings in respect to Ku Klux in the following words:

I have been visited by a delegation of Klan organizers, the head of the organization in the state being among them, and asked to state the attitude of the Grand Lodge, as well as my own, in regard to their Order. My answer was—“The Grand Lodge of Iowa does not approve of your organization, and as for me, I can see no good reason for its existence. If a Mason wants to do good, he has ample opportunity as a Mason to do so. As far as endorsing the law, we have officers for that purpose and I do not believe any good Mason should take the law in his own hands, and further, I do not believe any respectable, honest, upright man would want to cover his face and go out at night to enforce the law. I can see no reason why a good Mason would want to join an organization which is in disrepute and a disgrace to the community and as far as I was concerned, I had no use for such an organization.

Dual membership received commendation as calculated to further rather than hinder the interests of the Craft.

Interested Masons

The following reference indicate the dangers which threaten the dignity of Masonry in some sections through unrestrained capacity on the part of men who ought to know better.

It is strictly prohibitive for any Master Mason to solicit business in violation of the above. Insurance companies and association from other states, using the word “Masonic,” have invaded our Jurisdiction, claiming they were Masonic relief associations, and have given us much trouble, and in one instance, even the Grand Master of the Jurisdiction in which they claimed headquarters, after investigation, was uncertain and doubtful whether they were even Masons or not. They are imposing on and making some of our Brethren violators of our Code by their claims of Masonic connections and relief.

The Masonic library with a well filled museum attached is an institution of great value to the Craft in

any jurisdiction. It is a reality in Iowa. No less than 1,006 volumes were circulated last year to say nothing of whole libraries travelling about, as well as journals of various kinds.

Grand Lodge current receipts amounted to \$93,-235.40. With the addition of benevolence it increased to \$141,686.57.

After hearing sensational evidence against Bro. Geo. Shoonover he was expelled from the Craft. The necessary action distressed Grand Lodge greatly. We congratulate the brethren on the strong position taken in this case and the fine Masonic sentiments expressed.

The Secretary of M.S.A. gave an inspiring address on Masonry and American citizenship. An unusual event was an address by the Grand Chaplain whose office for the most part is little more than a doubtful adornment. He said some good things, among them:

We are filled with industrial troubles in our country. We can legislate until the crack of doom to try to satisfy them, but we will never have any peace therein until men learn that the basis of all our social and industrial lives is co-operation; that they must work together for ends that are larger than the power of one group over another.

Let us remind ourselves that there can be no brotherhood of men in this or any other nation in the world, unless we are going to maintain that thing for which this old fraternity has stood from the beginning of time, the dignity of labour and the rights of men to toil. This fraternity has come from the workers of the world, it is a working man's fraternity. I mean by that, the great masses of people, men who work; some with their heads and some with their hands, some in professions, some in storehouses, some upon the streets, and in the shops, and on the railroads of the county; that great mass of citizenship who produce the wealth of the world, pay the taxes of the world, and maintain the world and every nation in it. Those men are dignified by virtue of the fact that they do labour and toil to shoulder their share of the enterprises in the world. And it was never so in any government in history until it became so in this government where Masonic principles came into the ascendancy.

This report of the Grand Lodge of Iowa is so full of good material one is loathe to close.

M.W. Bro. B. L. Block wrote on Fraternal Correspondence. He urged in an inspiring introduction upon the necessity of Masonry passing the test of

present day scrutiny as it is applied to all other institutions, ancient or modern. His philosophy of the History of Masonry is as follows:

Let us now go down to the foundation of Masonry, and find, if we can, upon what sort of footing our building is based.

We have been taught from time immemorial that the design of the Masonic Institution was to make its votaries wiser and better and consequently happier, that we should receive none knowingly into our ranks but such as were moral and upright before God and of good repute before the world. This was on the theory that such men when associated together would naturally seek each other's welfare and happiness equally with their own. In order that they might not become weary in well-doing it furnished them with a great common platform, upon which they might "meet upon the level, act by the plumb, and part upon the square." It obliged them to that great "Religion in which all men agree, leaving their particular opinions to themselves; that is, to be good men and true, or men of Honour and Honesty, by whatever Denominations or Persuasions they may be distinguished; whereby Masonry becomes the Center of Union, and the Means of conciliating true Friendship among Persons that must have remained at a perpetual Distance."

A generous report of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada at Fort William is furnished. Many encomiums of the then Ruling Grand Master W. N. Ponton, are expressed among which is the following:

The annual address of Grand Master William N. Ponton is truly a Masonic masterpiece. It was just what we expected from him, for long experience with the splendid work of this great and good Mason had led us to look for no less. It is always a pleasure to read the virile, forceful and yet graceful English that this good brother knows so well how to write.

R. C. B.

IRELAND

The Right Hon. The Earl of Donoughmore, K.P.,
M.W. Grand Master.

The stated Communication of Grand Lodge was held in Dublin on St. John's Day, 27th December, 1923.

The Grand Master's address is buoyant, resilient, cultured and typically Irish. His felicitations on changed conditions are shared by all of us. He says:

"The Grand Lodge of Ireland, like everything else, and like every one in Ireland, has been through difficult times, but

I think we can all warmly congratulate ourselves on a comparison of the position now with the position twelve months ago."

We can be profoundly thankful for the fact and profoundly grateful for the courage and constancy of our Brethren who have done so much to bring this state of affairs about. I am glad to know that the Fund which I have started, and which has been approved of by the Grand Lodge, is progressing well—a fund for the relief and the assistance of those who are starting again, almost from the beginning, in various parts of the country.

His Obituary Notices of men who have been pillars, columns and ornaments of the Craft is not the usual sentimental lament. He speaks of four typical Masons who have passed on, the first, John Holdbrook, Head Master of the Masonic Orphan Boys' School and Secretary of all Masonic Charities, the other three men who stood high in their respective professions but who were not too busy to answer the appeal of the Craft for service.

In the tributes of the Grand Master we Canadians may read a lesson:

He had given forty years of splendid service to the Charities, and the Charities are his great monument, for no other brother who has worked for the good of the Charities will be grudge Brother Holdbrook his pre-eminent position in connection with them.

I secondly pass to our very good brother, Martin Turnbull—the right hand man for many years of Bro. J. H. Stirling, the Provincial Grand Master of Antrim. Although Brother Turnbull was a busy man outside Freemasonry, he never was so busy that he did not throw over everything else when anything Masonic was to be done.

Lastly, I feel I must mention with great regret the name of Bro. W. R. Maguire, whom almost everyone in this room knew. He had reached a gorgeous age in Masonry. He had been for over fifty years a member when he died, and had been an active member of the Order all his life. He, like the two Brethren I mentioned just now, Bro. Turnbull and Bro. Fane Vernon, was an illustration of the splendid spirit, one of the points in Masonry that I am most proud of, the fact that men eminent in other walks of life, be it law, or medicine, or any of the hundreds of ramifications of commerce, always put their professional attainments freely and voluntarily at the service of the Order, very often to the detriment of the purposes for which they follow their business, which are, of course, quite honourable, their own profit. I heard it, perhaps a little enigmatically described by a brother who said that the great advantage of Freemasonry was that all its highest paid work was unpaid. We do enjoy

the fact that for us, when the Order wants something done it gets it done for nothing, freely and voluntarily, and better done, perhaps, because it is freely and voluntarily done, and to the delight of him that does it.

Under the "spirit of the times" the Grand Master says:

"At the same time we must not shut our eyes to what are familiarly known as world movements. We are wise to continually ask ourselves the question as to our own efficiency. The habit of self-examination, though sometimes painful and often difficult, is a very healthy one, especially in all matters of organization and such like things, which must always keep up with the spirit of the times."

Nobody could have ever argued that our late brother Sir Charles Cameron was an old man at the age of 87. He was the youngest man in spirit that I have ever had to deal with, and I should have no difficulty in ruling, if it was ever put to me, that the Grand Lodge of Ireland is always, ex-officio of middle age—that is to say, it has the wisdom of age and the enthusiasm of youth. (Applause).

The Board of General Purposes comes in for some comment and some possible reform and with this gentle raillery as to the important place it plays in Grand Lodge affairs:

And it is a very good arrangement for the Grand Master, because it practically comes to this, that the Board of General Purposes does all the work, and in the eyes of the Brethren it is the Grand Master gets a great deal of the credit. That is a happy arrangement, and I shall always be very happy to cooperate with it.

Under Foreign Relations the Grand Master speaks of our willing power for good as follows:

He estimates that there are roughly four million Masons in the world, and that of that four millions three and a half millions are members of English speaking Lodges. If this be true, it shows that Freemasonry has potentially an enormous power for good, for if the English speaking Grand Lodges can control Freemasons—by control I do not mean in the official management sense, but in the sense that they can control the spirit in which Freemasonry does its work in the world, its power for good is very great. Of course we have to be careful. We are a conservative body, and we are interested in adherents to the ancient landmarks of the Order.

With regard to the then proposed conference at Geneva, with European Grand Lodges who do not see eye to eye with them, he sent this reply to a letter asking why he did not join in the conference:

"We answered it very shortly by saying simply this, We have in our knowledge the fact that this Conference will be attended by a number of Grand Lodges who do not recognize the ancient landmarks as we insist on them, and as long as that is so we shall not go into conference with any such body." (Applause).

He acknowledges many kindnesses received in their recent troublesome times from other Grand Jurisdictions and refers especially to Canada. The writer of this review was proud to have been the mover of the resolution in our own Grand Lodge:

"I shall never forget the recent action of the Grand Lodge of Canada, how, in answer to a communication from us, they sent us a very handsome contribution to our Fund to assist those Lodges and Masonic bodies who are in difficulties owing to the recent troubles." (Applause).

With regard to the Grand Lodge of England meeting successfully at Liverpool he says:

Nobody, I think, has yet noticed the fact that, in deciding to hold the Grand Lodge away from the Grand Lodge building or headquarters, the Grand Lodge of England have merely been copying the Grand Lodge of Ireland, because we rejoice in the fact that we have now had two very successful meetings in Belfast, and I hope we will have many more.

The Schools for boys and girls are the pride of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. We extract the following from many commendations given and he concludes:

"At the same time we can congratulate ourselves on the good work done in our Schools. Examination results are things that have not always been very satisfactory to myself, and I envy some of the figures that I read as regards those who, I am sure, get much better teaching than we did in my own day. It is satisfactory to know that the proportion of those who have passed, after severe examination, both in the Girls' Schools and in the Boys' School is considerably higher than for the whole of Ireland."

From his conclusion we reap the following sheaves:

We are a very happy team here in Grand Lodge, and in all the anxieties that are naturally on the horizon of every Irish man, I think we may congratulate ourselves that, in spite of great temptation, Freemasonry in Ireland has always kept clearly out of the troubles and difficulties and unpleasantness of party politics (hear, hear). Freemasonry is a force for good in the community, and the community would be very much poorer if that force were not there to help it by good work, and above all to show by proper example of what the relations of men should be towards their fellow man.

The Deputy Grand Master also made an able address and refers to the G.M. as follows:

I should like to make one thing known to you about the Grand Master's family. His eldest son, Viscount Suidale, who has just come of age, is a newly made Mason (applause). We can only hope that he will follow in his father's Masonic footsteps, and in time—though we hope that day is very far distant—we may hope to see Lord Suidale sitting in the chair which his father fills so well.

With regard to Freemasonry in Ulster he says:

I want the Dublin Brethren to be told and to take it to their hearts, that Freemasonry in the North is one of the most enthusiastic things that I ever came across.

The Grand Secretary in enumerating twenty-five new warrants includes South Africa, one Military warrant to the First Dragoon Guards, and one to Calcutta. Our Irish Brethren girdle the Globe.

With regard to the re-establishment and re-building of Masonic Lodges, he says:

At the June Communication of Grand Lodge a letter was read from M. W. the Grand Master recommending that a Fund should be started for the restoration of Masonic Lodges or Halls that were injured or destroyed during recent years.

R.W. Bro. J. H. Stirling, Grand Master of Antrim, made a most interesting and satisfying Report:

Of R.W. Bro. Turnbull deceased, he says:

As Almoner for that Fund he distributed its grants in no perfunctory way. There was not a beneficiary resident in Belfast whom he did not know personally and visit frequently. Much as we miss him in Provincial Grand Lodge, he is still more missed in many a humble home, and by many an aged pensioner of Masonry. Everyone who knew him is the poorer by

“The passing of as kind a soul
As ever looked through human eyes.”

From South Africa P.G.L. Dr. Russell reports:

“Our Lodges, however, are holding their own with the other Constitutions (three in number) and are all in a good financial position to meet the strain of bad times.”

The Reports are all made to the Deputy Grand Master. From the Report of Masonic Charities we take the following:

I am very pleased at being able to inform you that our Masonic Charities have, for the year that is now drawing to a close, more than maintained their income from Voluntary Subscriptions. It will be noticed from the Table of Comparisons that the Receipts of our Girls' School have increased by more than £1,000 those of our Boys' School by more than £500, and the Jubilee Fund by £300.

R.W. Bro. Gerald Fitzgibbon, K.C. is the Representative in Ireland from Canada, and M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K.C. is the Representative of Ireland in Canada.

The accounts seem to be kept and audited with the greatest particularity.

There is no Fraternal Correspondence Reviews but with or without a Report, present or absent, we always feel fraternal towards our Irish Brethren.

The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Donoughmore, K.P.,
M.W. Grand Master.

Henry C. Shellard, R.W. Grand Secretary, Dublin.

Colonel Claude Cane, R.W. Deputy Grand Master

JAMAICA

This District Grand Lodge under the English Constitution, publishes an interesting half yearly Report of Proceedings. That of the 27th of January, 1923, was held at the City of Kingston, the presiding Officer being the District Grand Master, R.W. Brother Hon. Sir John Pringle, M.B., K.C.M.G., who is well known in Canada and who on one occasion the writer of this review found to be a very delightful travelling companion.

The District Grand Lodge of Scotland sent greetings.

From the excellent address of the District Grand Master we extract the following:

The Craft in Jamaica may well be excused for having a sense of pardonable pride in being able to number in their midst two such Lodges as the "Royal" and the "Friendly" with such a record as 125 years of uninterrupted working and maintaining in the fullest degree the enviable record which has been handed down to them by their predecessors, and their continued success will be fervently prayed for by every Mason in the Island.

To-night I shall conclude by assuring you that Peace and Harmony still continue to reign, and I express the hope that never at any time will any discord mar our happy relations. Even in that unfortunate country, Ireland, where there has always been so much strife, there is complete unanimity in Masonry, thus proving to the world the happy and beneficial results of our Institution, and so long as the principles and tenets of the Craft are practised, it could not be otherwise. The moment we learn of any discord in connection with Masonry we know there has been a departure from our teachings. I hope this District will always be an example to the Fraternity.

The lamented death of R.W. Bro. Roxburgh, D.G.M for Scotland, was the subject of both resolutions and addresses. An extract is given from the deceased Brother's New Year's message, from which we take the following:

"To one and all I earnestly suggest a diligent study of the best literature you can procure on matters pertaining to the Craft, a persevering effort to live up to its teachings, making the practice of masonic virtues the active vital principle of your life, so that Free-masonry may shine forth as a power for good throughout the land."

The finances appear to be in excellent shape and are kept with great particularity and a full list of Grand Lodge property is given in detail.

Many appendices, including the Report of the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of England, are printed in full and Jamaica is contributing to the Masonic Million Memorial Fund.

Among the instructions received is the following:

But the practice which again and again has been deprecated has of late been extended in a direction the Board considers to be fraught with more than possible danger. Lodges are being asked to allow a visiting Brother to address the Brethren in support of a charitable effort having no direct connection with Masonry. The Board considers that permission to speak either in Lodge or later to the assembled Brethren upon a non-Masonic subject ought not to be given, as the practice might easily extend in undesirable directions.

The District Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

R.W. Bro. Sir John Pringle, District Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Frederick George Sale, Grand Secretary.

KANSAS

Richard E. Bird, M.W. Grand Master.

Membership 75,265. Net gain 2,968.

The Sixty-eighth Annual Communication was held in the State Capitol in the City of Topeka on the 27th of February, 1924, and following days.

The Sixty-ninth Communication will be held in Wichita on the 25th of February, 1925.

From the opening prayer of the Grand Chaplain we take the following earnest petition:

Enable us to be more patient in the slow progress of building a spiritual temple, and more tender, thoughtful and generous in our care of the unfortunate. Strengthen our loyalties to the half-forgotten ideals of our fathers, in their homes, their business relations and their government. Above all, give us poise and stability amidst the restless seething multitudes of a selfish world.

The Grand Master's address gives much food for thought and contains many of his circular messages to the Lodges issued during the year. Having been asked for his address or report for consideration by the Association of Past Grand Masters before he delivered it to Grand Lodge, he wrote respectfully declining.

He then proceeds to indicate the course of the streams of current events:

As all rivers run to the sea, even so all human activities pass onward to the ocean of human history. Daily and step by step the progression is made under the guidance of a Providence that is far beyond our understanding. To this our Craft of Ancient Freemasonry is peculiarly amenable. Its origin is veiled in ancient history; today its silvery stream, mighty grown, passes before us, and tomorrow our Masonic acts will have taken their place in the historic advance of humankind.

The other current, more still and deep, feels that Freemasonry thrives by its impress upon the individual; that it is a thing distinctive unto itself, the like of which has never been known in the annals of Time and with a purpose to be conducted with regularity, surpassed only by the Greater and Lesser luminaries. Whatever of accomplishment is to be achieved by Freemasonry in worldly affairs is to be reached only in a reflected way in the individual lives of its votaries.

He gives a timely word of warning with regard to extraneous financial appeals in the following words:

Brethren: From time to time lodges have been warned to pay no attention to appeals for financial assistance unless they had the approval of your Grand Master. It necessarily follows that communications sent to lodges requesting them to give publicity to certain matters are deserving of no less attention than where the requests are for donations.

This Edict was immediately occasioned by the publicity department of an outside Memorial Association circularizing our subordinate lodges, urging them to fill the daily press of their respective localities with copious items of Masonic news and information.

Personally, I believe that we are in an era of favorable Masonic publicity, and that it is fraught with many dangers. A secret society is so easily misunderstood by the profane—it is bound to be misunderstood and misrepresented. History clearly shows that opinions of men in mass formation easily swing from one extreme to the other.

The Grand Master reports that during the year the Masonic Home has been greatly added to and improved in its appointment.

As to the D.D.G.M.'s he uses this analogy:

This is the day of the community center, and the District Deputy Grand Master is in a sense the head of his Masonic District which is the Masonic Community Center.

As to aristarchic government he says:

Occasionally I hear from some that the Grand Lodge has the tendency to be dominated by the few; this may to some extent be true, but if it is true, it is only possible by reason of the timidity of the many.

There is a distinction between comity and amity especially in regard to the interchange of courtesy in conferring Degrees, and he makes this valuable reference:

In International law, Comity of Nations is defined as follows: "What is termed the comity of nations is the formal expression and the ultimate result of that mutual respect accorded throughout the civilized world by the representatives of each sovereign power to those of every other, in considering the effects of their official acts. Its source is a sentiment of reciprocal regard founded on identity of position and similarity of institutions."

Comity among Masonic Sovereignties should therefore be the adherence to this principle in the recognition by one Grand Jurisdiction of an act done in the manner of another Grand

Jurisdiction as being legal as though done in its own Grand Jurisdiction.

As to Lodge histories, and this is as important for Canada as for Kansas, he says (what is also emphasized by the Grand Secretary):

For the past several years and for some years to come our lodges will be celebrating their fiftieth anniversary, thereby making it highly important that not only these lodges, but others should begin the work of preparing a complete history of the conditions surrounding the original proposition and bring it up to the present time.

Many Special Communications were held during the year for Craft purposes.

The Librarian presented an excellent report, giving a list of the many volumes and transactions which have been added to the Library. Iowa will have to look to its laurels:

As indicated by the list of books, magazines, periodicals and books on masonic subjects at the end of this report, it will be observed that we are annually adding to our library valuable editions which when properly indexed will be of untold value to the Craft.

We have not only added valuable reading matter to the library during the year, but we have likewise received considerable material which increases the value of our Masonic Museum.

W. Bro. McColloch delivered at a Special Communication an address on Landmarks, from which we take the following:

The purpose of the lecture last year was to present masonic knowledge as the source of masonic power; the lecture this year is intended to set forth the sources of masonic knowledge.

Certain understandings and customs of such universal acceptance and antiquity, that neither written records nor the memory of man can give any answer to the time of their beginnings.

To constitute a Landmark, there must be the elements of antiquity and universality. Having these, the understanding or custom becomes a stone in that foundation upon which Masonry was originally built, upon which it now rests, upon which it must continue to rest so long as the Institution has existence.

This right of visit is a pleasing and valuable one. It is born of the idea that the Masonic Institution is an entirety. By it, "In every clime a Mason may find a home, and in every

land a brother." It has no limitation in the case of the individual Mason, nor exception, save that which is necessary for the preservation of harmony in the lodge. Only when, in the opinion of the Master, would discord arise among the brethren because of the presence of the visitor, will the right of visitation be withheld.

More and more, "character" is getting to count. But character is not all that Freemasonry requires from its votaries. There is no room in our Fraternity for the ignorant, for any who cannot comprehend in some intelligent degree, the program of our Institution.

"Faith of our Fathers, God's great power
Shall soon all nations win for thee;
And through the truth that comes from God
Mankind shall then be truly free."

The Committee on Necrology preached more than a sermon. We give their conclusion:

We fail to learn the true lesson of Masonry when we refuse to heed the solemn thoughts brought on by this hour. Our reward is fruitful in the consciousness of a well spent life. Masonry contemplates a life of labor and this is to be rewarded by a future of rest and joy and peace. So let us

"Press through:
Nothing can harm if you are true.
And when the night comes, rest:
The earth is friendly as a mother's breast."

R.W. Bro. R. H. Spencer represents Kansas in Canada. W. Bro. H. H. Hubbard of Galena represents Canada in Kansas.

The biography of the retiring Grand Master is full and rich. We learn that he is a member of the American Bar Association and that he has been both a Judge and a Member of Congress.

Tributes to the dead and photographs of the living fill several pages.

The Report on Correspondence is sponsored by R.W. Bro. Albert K. Wilson, Grand Secretary. He says with regard to Masonic Homes that much attention is given to this branch of Masonry in many Grand Lodges and that many Homes have been established and that a tendency along this line is increasing.

We hope that Canada may some day feel the same universal philanthropic urge.

He gives for the benefit of his readers, under Alberta the following and we think that our readers should share this, and therefore reprint also:

An excellent address was delivered by their Past Grand Master, M. W. Brother R. S. Thornton, and we take the following from his remarks as a matter of unusual interest to our readers:

You ask, where do we find the story of Hiram Abiff as the historical individual, as an actual living man? My answer is you will find the story in the first and most important of all Masonic text books, the volume of the Sacred Law. Ah, but you say I have read the story of the building of the Temple and I remember Hiram, but I do not remember Hiram Abiff. Which was the individual who is entitled to bear that name? If you will turn in your leisure moments to the second book of Chronicles, in the fourth chapter and in the sixteenth verse you will read this: "The pots also, and the shovels, and the fleshhooks, and all the instruments thereof, did Hiram his father make to King Solomon for the house of the Lord of bright brass." You will notice the words "Hiram, his father." That word "his father" has been translated into English, but if it had been left in the Hebrew original and not translated, it would have read "Hiram Abiff." In the German translation of the Bible which was prepared under the direction of Martin Luther, the word "his father" is not translated and in this sentence it appears in the German as "Hiram Abiff," but in the English translation which started with Wycliffe and Tyndale, and then came on down to our authorized version, it has been translated "Hiram his father." Now do you see what that means? It means that the tradition of Freemasonry with the name of Hiram Abiff as the central masonic figure, antedates the first translation of the English Bible, which took place over five hundred years ago, one of the curious coincidences which you will find all through the ritual and ceremonial, which tend to establish the genuine antiquity of a good deal of what we have to-day.

Under California with regard to the Masonic Service Association he says:

Notwithstanding the fact that our Grand Lodge has gone on record as declining to be a member of this organization, yet during the present year the officer in charge presumed to wire our Grand Master and call for funds for the relief of the earthquake victims in Japan. So far as Kansas is concerned we have been able to struggle along for the past sixty-eight years and do our own distributing of the funds for the relief of the distressed, and we can see no reason why we should delegate this power to any organization or outside individual. We contribute annually, either directly or indirectly, from \$50,000 to \$200,000 for this purpose and we believe we are doing fairly well.

Canada is copiously quoted and generously treated. He is struck by and reproduces Sir John Gibson's introduction of Lord Amptill and his colleagues and he reprints also the welcome of the Grand Master ending with the following sentence:

"All these memories, so dear to you, are dear to us, because we of the University of Toronto sent out our six thousand to fight side by side with the representatives of all the other universities, and side by side with the true British Tommies, and with their comrades in arms for King and Country, for hearth and home. And so we welcome you all in this double capacity, once for all in the bonds of fellowship, and of comradeship in that great breadth of solidarity that links us the wide world over and that creates this Empire, this great British League of free nations."

Even with the broad areas of Kansas he does not realize the broader still of Canada as may be illustrated from the following, and it will be noted that our colleague and reviewer does not confine himself to quotation but definitely expresses approval or disapproval of that which he reviews:

Under the head of "Dilatory Lodges," he suggests an association or bureau of Secretaries in the following few words:

Let me suggest a Secretaries' Association or Bureau, then the few would not impair the splendid reputation for hard work and loyal labour, which most of the Secretaries exemplify in their onerous and honorable offices. But the Secretary who thinks himself the whole lodge should be removed from office.

This might work in Canada, but in our own jurisdiction mileage is too extensive for anything of this kind. We agree with the Grand Master, however in the first clause of his remark.

Under the head of "Minute-Made Masons," we take pleasure in quoting the following:

There is too much rushing and grouping and teaming in degree work. There is nothing worse than perfunctory degree grinding. Degrees should be stately in their rhythmic ceremonial dignity—and individual in contact. But what can be said of Masters and Past Masters who profess to have given the solemn third degree to each of 4 candidates in 15 minutes. The mills of God grind slowly. Let us call a halt or the grist will be spoiled by these high-powered artists of milling legerdemain. They mean well but are mistaken. God knows we all make mistakes.

We regret that space will not permit of quoting more from his excellent address and likewise other matters which came

before their Grand Lodge, but the "twelve bells" have already sounded and we must close.

Our 1922 Proceedings are included in the Report on Correspondence, the same having been prepared by Bro. Rev. R. C. Blagrave, Grand Chaplain, or at least we presume that is the case judging from the initials at the close of the reference to Kansas.

Illinois gives him and us through him the following:

The civilization of twenty centuries narrowly escaped destruction; it may therefore be too soon to expect a full reaction and to hope for a restoration of normal relations. Discord, conflicting interests and selfishness did not end with the signing of the treaty following the late World War. Doubt and suspicion—a lack of understanding—even now threaten to plunge European nations into another cataclysmic upheaval. What influence shall prevent such a disaster? ❀

Nations are only aggregations of individuals; the thought and conscience of a nation are the combined thought and conscience of its citizens. Educate the individual, remove doubt, suspicion and hate from his mind, instill into his heart love for his fellow man and a generous recognition of the rights of others—teach him and the world the fundamental concepts of justice, righteousness and fraternal love which we have been taught at the altar of Masonry, and the nations will then live in a state of international brotherhood, and universal peace will have been established. What the world most needs is fraternalism. That is the essence of our universal Institution. No other secular influence equals that of the combined thought and conscience of Freemasonry. The salvation of the world depends upon the elevating influence of such principles and ethical doctrines as those which are the very fundamentals of Freemasonry. We cannot doubt that the time will come when justice, righteousness, fraternity and universal peace shall supplant injustice, wickedness, hate and war. Let us be loyal to the tenets of Freemasonry, and we shall have contributed our full share to the establishment of this happy condition.

Quebec always offers a fertile field, and the interchange of courtesies is thus expressed:

We are under obligations to Brother Chambers for his excellent review of our 1922 Proceedings, and we are taking the liberty of quoting a few lines with reference to the writer of this report. In doing so we might say that this is the first instance during our years of service that we have every quoted anything of a personal nature, but we do so in order that our own brethren may know that the position occupied by the Fraternity in this jurisdiction is sanctioned by some of the best masonic scholars and thinkers in other jurisdictions:

In the person of R. W. Brother Albert K. Wilson, chairman of Foreign Correspondence, Grand Lodge has a skillful and

powerful upholder of the principles of true Freemasonry, and one who is properly jealous of its independence of every other organization, whether society, state, or educational.

It takes a Westerner to appreciate a western neighbor and so he quotes much from Wyoming. Among others the following:

We believe that the remedy lies in the lodge itself. That if masonic study be encouraged, and live discussions on its history, teachings and mission be held at the meetings, social questions be gone into, and a live, energetic influence exerted on the problems of the day, our lodges will come to life and again be a leading factor in the community; that a spirited rivalry will be awakened as to who can best work and best agree.

We say au revoir to our Brethren of Kansas with reluctance.

Elmer F. Strain, Topeka, W.M. Grand Master.

Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, R.W. Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY

E. E. Nelson, M.W. Grand Master.

Membership 71,026. Net gain 1,766. Number of Lodges 612.

The photograph of Grand Master Nelson and his interesting biography introduce, and photographs of other Grand Officers illustrate the pages of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, which met at Louisville, October 16th, 1923, with a marvelous attendance of Past Grand Masters, exceeding that of any other Jurisdiction during the year, being *twenty-five out of a total of twenty-seven living Grand Masters*, who came to the centre of their Grand Masonic Home on this as on other occasions to encourage, to stimulate and to bring the experience of the past to the service of the present.

The Grand Master in his address gives a full account of his Stewardship during his busy year of office and we take the following sentences from his opening:

We already have considerable power. Freemasonry, the oldest and strongest of all the fraternal orders, has helped to awaken the spirit of brotherhood which has taken hold of men in this generation as never before; and we shall be untrue to our principles and profession if we are not, after the Church, the first and most effective leader in the field of altruistic effort.

If we fail to lead we shall be unworthy of those Masons of our own State who conceived the idea of building here a Masonic Home—the first in the United States. To go forward in the spirit which animated those pioneers of charity, and raise a fund for building the New Home for widows and orphans has seemed to me the most important special work committed to my administration. The response to our efforts has been whole-hearted and refreshing.

Many applications to be allowed to hold a Masonic Burial Service *after* the burial of the deceased were refused by the Grand Master. Among them the following:

Waynesboro Lodge No. 328 to hold Masonic burial services at the grave of a deceased brother some time after his burial, such service not having been held at the time of the burial on account of weather conditions.

There is not merely a Masonic Home of which Kentucky is proud, but at the Home is published a Journal of which the following appreciative comment is from the pen of a Contemporary and is quoted by the G.M.:

“From the uncompromising pen of Brother W. H. McDonald comes the following article, which appears in the splendid paper which he edits, the Masonic Home Journal, which is one of the greatest, if not the greatest, Masonic paper published in the world. Brother McDonald knows the way and manner in which to say things, and he says them.”

Further with regard to Homes he says:

Our Masonic Homes in Kentucky are beautiful institutions, serving well the purposes for which they were established. They are as nearly ideal as Homes can be. Sunlike they stand upon the horizon of the unfortunate, filling with warmth and light a future which otherwise for them were comfortless and dark.

He chivalrously defends the Order of the Eastern Star but goes too far for Canada and other Jurisdictions in suggesting recognition:

The Order of the Eastern Star which is composed largely of the wives, daughters, mothers, widows and sisters of Master Masons, have shown that they would like to be a co-laborer with the Masonic brother.

I do not see any reason why this Order composed largely of women and founded upon Free and Accepted Masonry, should not be accorded the same right which has been accorded Cryptic, Capitular, Templar and Scottish Rite Masonry.

His conclusion contains an admirable admonition:

At the close of my term of office will you permit me to utter one caution?

I say it is character that counts, that wields influence for good, and gives to the righteous decrees of an organization an irresistible power over its own members and indirectly over the entire community. There is nothing that enfeebles this power like indulging in immorality, but a lazy toleration of immorality, by those who are normal is almost as debilitating as immorality itself. These things lower the temperature of spiritual fervor, and without this fervor no real good can be accomplished.

I can, therefore, give no more serious or important admonition than that this great fraternity demand a higher standard of morality, and that it suffer no man to bear its name unless his character is really clean and good.

The members of Grand Lodge were entertained by the children of the Home at the afternoon session and the programme offered seems eminently attractive.

On the second day a tribute was paid to one of America's most distinguished and famed citizens, Henry Clay, whose home was located in the environments of Lexington and is still standing and the property of his descendants. It is desired to commemorate his memory and to perpetuate this home.

An excellent portrait of M. Ex. Comp. Kuhn, General Grand High Priest of the United States accompanies his address which was entirely out of the ordinary and from which we give to our Brethren in Canada this extract:

Saint John the Evangelist lived about ninety years. He wrote this remarkable gospel of Revelation, and in his last days he went about saying "Little children love one another." Saint John the Evangelist is the great preacher of the gospel of Love. So with the two men patron saints, one as the voice and the other as the preacher of the gospel of love. what more do you want in Freemasonry? Isn't that enough?

What is the mere fact of being a Master Mason? It is nothing. It is the principle that lies back of it, the symbolism. The trouble is we have lost track of the beautiful symbols of Freemasonry, and it has been shrouded in signs, grips and words. Signs, grips and words do not mean anything in Freemasonry. They are remnants of an age perhaps primitive; they contain a hidden meaning, but you could give the signs, grips and words of Freemasonry to the world, and Freemasonry would still stand. A great many believe that is the great and sacred secret of Freemasonry, the signs, steps,

grips and words; that it would be awful if someone should see us give the signs, steps, grips and words. Exposes have been written, and what effect have they had? The people have laughed at them, because they think sensible men would not take up their time with giving signs, grips, steps and words, and that is true. They are a means to an end; and we must get away from that idea that Freemasonry consists simply in conferring degrees. The trouble is Freemasonry has been hidden under a lot of philosophical stuff, a sort of philosophical fog of bunk, where men have their heads up in the fog and their feet never touch the ground. I believe in philosophy, but if it does not touch the earth and grasp a man by the hand, it is a failure. Freemasonry has not in it anything that does not come down and take a fellow by the hand.

They have a definite purpose in Kentucky and an ambitious aim and the following paragraph of the Committee's report was adopted:

We recommend that the work of the Million Dollar Committee be continued, with the strong endorsements and approval of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and all Master Masons wheresoever dispersed.

The Fraternal Correspondence Report is in the able hands of R.W. Bro. William W. Clarke, and your reviewer not wishing to selfishly confine the enjoyment of this Report to himself, shares the following passages with his Brethren.

Under Canada we are glad to read:

The address of the Grand Master is a classic. We would probably render the best service to our readers of Kentucky by taking all the space which can be allotted to one jurisdiction in this report by making excerpts therefrom; not alone because of its literature, but because of its elevated thought.

He reported having issued dispensation for the formation of twenty-five new lodges. Quite a record, we think.

With regard to Delaware he quotes the following:

Under the striking headline "Pre-eminence of the Blue Lodge," the Grand Master said in part:

It is our sincere judgment that Masonry is suffering in these modern days from two serious diseases. The first of these is the anxiety on the part of the majority of the members of the Craft to know the mysteries of the so-called "Higher-Degrees." There are no higher degrees.

A Master Mason has the mastery over himself. He is a man, a master, the noblest work of God.

Of the Masonic Service Association Massachusetts has this to say:

Briefly, the Service Association will bring to the Brethren a practical knowledge of Freemasonry, its history and traditions as well as the more important suggestions of how the principles of Masonry can be applied to the problems of the day which affect every citizen and his family most intimately.

I prophesy that the membership of the Lodges will eagerly receive the information thus brought to them and will enthusiastically support any movement calculated to make Masonry more useful in men's lives.

From Michigan he gathers for us:

The purpose of it, the suppression of levity in conferring the degree, we appreciate and heartily approve.

The "Conclusion" of the address, all good and true Masons will approve, and its ideal commend:

The Lord bless and keep you;

The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you;

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

From the address of the Grand Master of New Zealand we clip this kinship of comradeship to fellowship.

A second impression produced upon my mind is the great value of the comradeship or brotherly love which is one of our principles, and which Masonic life does so much to encourage.

A comradeship is produced which one can liken to that of life in the trenches during the war, and surely the results must be most beneficial to all. I confess that I look upon this feature of Masonic life, and especially at the present time, as of the greatest possible value, not only to the Craft, but to the community as a whole.

Saskatchewan furnishes much food for thought from which we cull the following:

From the viewpoint of the Craft at large, however, I have no hesitancy in stating that our record of achievement is indeed a creditable one, and provides ample proof that our membership is not composed of vain dreamers, of suave ritualists (vitaly important as the ritualistic work undoubtedly is), but of Masons who have learned to apply the tenets of Freemasonry to their daily lives in the endeavor to render themselves more extensively serviceable to their fellowmen. As "skill without exertion is of little avail," so also is a spiritless sym-

bolism that imparts no incentive deeds of service and benevolence.

It is most difficult to diagnose the case or to prescribe adequate treatment for the phlegmatic type of Mason. Belonging to the mentally slothful class in his Masonic thinking, he is too indifferent to obtain the facts of the case or independently to reason out a problem to its logical conclusion, but is generally satisfied to do his thinking second-hand through the instrumentality of some arm-chair critic, who poses as a self-imputed modern Solon; but I submit that it is not so much the function of Freemasonry to save souls as to improve them. In other words, our aim is not primarily to transform the bad or indifferent material into the good, but rather to mould the good material into better through our Masonic teachings and fraternal associations. From my examination of a number of irregular cases for initiation brought to my attention during the past year, I have come to the conclusion that many zealous brethren are laying undue emphasis on the quantitative aspect of Freemasonry.

After the voluminous returns of the constituent Lodges which are given in full and after the Correspondence Report come two unusual and substantial appendices and addenda being the Fifty-third Annual Report of the Widows' and Orphans' Home and Infirmary and of the Old Masons' Home of Kentucky, which are administered as the chief function of Grand Lodge.

From the President's address we take this conclusion as illustrative:

In conclusion my brethren have we not cause for great satisfaction and rejoicing in the knowledge that we are having a part in the work of a Home that so splendidly cares for the widows of our departed brethren and prepares their little ones for useful and noble lives. May each of us realize more fully than ever before our personal responsibility in this important work and pledge anew our service to the cause in which we are engaged.

The Superintendent reports:

I cannot sufficiently express my appreciation of the great service that the members of our Medical Staff have for so many years rendered our Home. The members of our Medical Staff give their time and talent unstintingly and without money and without price, and we owe to them a debt of gratitude that can never be paid.

A full list or roster with the Lodges from which they hail of all the beneficiaries is given. They are parts of and factors in the life of the Homes and the Report and

Proceedings of the Widows' and the Orphans' Home occupy 150 pages, and of the Old Masons' Home 50 pages of chronicles of good work well done.

From the President's address of the Old Masons' Home we take the following:

We all feel a deep sympathy for the aged and helpless, those who have fought the battles of Life and towards the end need a helping hand; but how much more so does the sympathy and pity of real mankind go out to those whose very children, though financially able to do so, forsake them in the day of their greatest need, and expect others to care for them? To condone or to encourage such unfilial conduct is contrary to the spirit and teachings of Freemasonry.

A. E. Orton, Dawson Springs, M.W. Grand Master.

Fred W. Hardwick, Louisville, R.W. Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA

Joseph Sinai, M.W. Grand Master.

Membership 33,214. Gain 1981.

The One Hundred and Thirteenth Annual Communication was held in New Orleans on 4th of February, 1924, and was opened on the Third or Master's Degree in ample form by M.W. Bro. Sinai.

Seven Past Grand Masters were present.

Canada's Grand Representative did not answer the roll call, a failing our Canada ambassadors have.

From the Annual Address of the Grand Master we take the following introduction:

Invoking Divine aid, let us apply ourselves assiduously to the task set before us with resolve to do those things which are necessary for the well being and advancement of our beloved Order, "With malice toward none; with Charity toward all with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right."

The G.M. is firm in declining Dispensations for purposes of which he does not approve but surely Louisiana will soon throw off the fetters which make perfect youth a Sine Qua Non of membership. Some of his decisions along that line must jar on those Grand

Jurisdictions who like Canada, which led in the movement, treat the Masonic Temple now as one not made with hands—an edifice of the spirit.

For examples of variance from our practice take the following:

On March 19th, I declined to grant a dispensation to Eros Lodge, No. 295, to permit the lodge as a lodge to attend church services in a body.

On March 16th, I declined to grant a dispensation to Caddo Lodge, No. 179, to permit them to accept the petition of a candidate whose right hand has been deformed from birth, and all the fingers except thumb welded together.

On December 8th, I declined to grant dispensation to permit Joppa Lodge, No. 362 to accept the petition on a candidate, who has lost his little finger as well as the two next fingers, down into the palm of his right hand, and has therefore left the index finger and thumb.

With the following however we would agree. Masonry is not a benevolent or Mutual Insurance Society nor a refuge:

Therefore, we are prohibited from accepting any candidate, whose physical condition, through sickness or otherwise, is likely to make him a charge upon the Order; so if a candidate has a chronic illness, such as T. B., he is not qualified to apply for and receive the degrees.

We think we see the reason for another decision given by the G.M. which at first sight appears inconsistent but it is difficult to reconcile the heling sign and the Fellowcraft with his other rigid decisions:

That a candidate, who has his left hand off at the wrist, is physically qualified, under our law, to apply for and receive the degrees of Masonry.

The new Masonic Temple looms large in prospect and the G.M. says:

From the report it is ascertained that notwithstanding the depressed condition of finances, due to the industrial, agricultural and financial conditions which have prevailed not only in Louisiana, but in the entire South at least, they have been successful in having approximately \$400,000.00 of the fund pledged.

He sends a rallying call to the District Deputies of which the following is a sample paragraph:

We are all alike, in our several positions, servants unto the Craft and anything less than an honest, conscientious and faithful endeavor to perform the duties assigned to us is a failure that sooner or later will work irreparable harm to our Order. And this must not be.

He protests against low and insufficient dues as follows:

I feel that it is impossible for any Lodge in the State of Louisiana, which charges less than \$6.00 for its Annual Dues, to comply with the law, and provide an amount sufficient for current expenses, the call of charity and burial of deceased brethren.

While it is true that Masonry is not a rich man's Institution, it must be remembered that it is also true that it is not a pauper Institution; the old charges required that the applicant should not only have the physical qualifications imposed under our law, but should have the financial ability to not only provide a good living for himself, but an excess sufficient to contribute to the relief of a destitute brother.

Of the old privileges of Mariners at sea ports he says:

I believe the time has come and gone when we should extend, as a matter of fact, to the sea faring men the exceptional privilege of receiving the three degrees at one and the same communication. It can be well understood why this privilege was originally extended, but today there are very few of the Mariners who do not reach the same port, within the lapse of time to make a return voyage from some designated port, within thirty or sixty days.

His own personal attitude with regard to physical qualifications is, we are glad to say, the liberal one which is indicated in the following paragraph from his address:

We have reached the period of time, both in world affairs and in Masonry, when we should make the progressive step forward relative to the physical qualifications of candidates; if we are to look at the internal and not the external qualifications of those who are seeking admission into our Order, and as we no longer pretend that we are operative, but wholly speculative, it is my firm belief that we should permit the intelligent man, who unfortunately has suffered some maim, or who possesses some blemish, which prevent him from being sound in limb, to have entrance into our Order;

The following is a sentence of admonition worth reproducing:

We have entirely too many button wearers, and too few serving Masons in our lodges; the good book says "that he who is not with us is against us;" that fact is as true to-day as it was

when it was stated. If a man does not appreciate his connection with the Fraternity, and has no interest in its welfare and progress, and is not willing to devote his time or his strength or his purse in the Masonic cause, I take it that he is a sore to the Fraternity and the sooner he is pruned the better off the Fraternity will be.

With regard to discipline and law enforcement and arresting Charters of Lodges he says:

I found that the Worshipful Master in 1923, was still in insubordination of the Grand Lodge as he had been in 1922; that he was denying the right and authority of the D. D. G. M.; that there were some fifteen or sixteen members of his lodge who had been convicted of violating the Volstead act; that he declined to prefer charges against these members, although one of the members stated in open lodge that he had been twice convicted of violating this law. I believe that the Worshipful Master of last year, now Secretary of the Lodge, caused himself to be elected Secretary, for the purpose of circumventing the law of the Grand Lodge. After the arrest of the Charter, I felt it necessary to suspend the Secretary of the lodge from his office. From the foregoing I considered it was my duty to arrest the charter and have done so.

Of the Masonic Service Association he thinks nothing but good:

The Masonic Service Association of the United States has demonstrated its necessity, and those who have given the matter serious consideration are impressed with the fact that its plan and scope is required by the various member Grand Jurisdictions; it is young in its days, but its possibilities are great, and no Grand Jurisdiction can keep abreast of the times without joining in the work of the Service Association.

Of the Orphans' Home he says:

In pursuance of the resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge, at its last session, locating the site of the new Orphanage at Alexandria, in this State, I have accepted for the Grand Lodge, the donation of the 50 acres of land presented by the Masons in Alexandria, and vicinity, who made formal deed to the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and the same has been duly recorded in the records in the Court House at Alexandria.

He submits a form of searching questionnaire not merely for candidates but also for Lodges and if all the inquiries are conscientiously answered there should be no difficulty in the Committee reaching a decision upon a candidate (if on the tongue of good report,) nor any doubt in the Grand Master's mind as to whether a constituent Lodge is flourishing, doing duty or the reverse.

From the conclusion we take the following typical sentences:

Let us as Masons, well instructed, make possible the great fundamentals of our wonderful Order, "the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man." Let us cast out the beam that is in our own eye before we seek to pluck out the mote in our brother's eye, and then let us throw aside our indifference, apathy and lethargy, and zealously and devotedly expend our best energy and all of our strength to live according to the good book, in peace and harmony—first with each other, and then with our neighbor, the World.

Our Order has through the many centuries lived and thrived because Masons heeded the direction to serve God, their Country, and their fellows, and obeyed the solemn injunction "Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again."

- The Executive Secretary says of the Masonic Service Association:

In the program of the Masonic Service Association it is honestly believed that we can play an important part in order that our Craft as a whole may be aligned in support of that enlightened public opinion which is essential to the proper functioning of our democratic institutions.

The oration was delivered by W. Bro. Harper, Grand Chaplain, and of the Book of the Law, the great light on the altar, he says:

And as we should guard this precious Book with our lives if need be, so we should, day by day, seek to make its truths our own, that we may learn to be good Masons. So man, though made a moral creature, must be instructed in the things which are right. He has a conscience, but it must be informed. And Masonry seeks to inform the man who seeks to be informed; it seeks to turn into the soul of the man who comes out of the darkness seeking the light, that glorious light which comes from the Word of God. As a prism held to the casement and slowly turned between the fingers breaks up the white sunlight into the seven colors of the rainbow, so we seek in Masonry to make the Light of God's Word more intelligible through the forms and ceremonies and symbols of the lodge.

His commentary on the art of building character is well put:

And the art of building, to be truly understood, must build a house. No one will value it if it stops with the blue prints, or a picture of a house of one's dream on paper, or a fairy castle in the air. We are not set to build castles in the air, my brothers, to take all our Masonry out in going over

blue prints, in thinking upon lordly plans and schemes of life as they are symbolized in our lodge rooms, in aspiring to high things while we meet with our brothers on the common level. We are to build real temples of character by the application of the truths which we are taught. The Bible teaches us that we learn the truth by doing the truth. It has been the object of all builders which the world has known to produce a house, to provide a house for merchandise, a home for the family, a palace for a king, a temple for God. And it is the object of Masonry to build character, to produce a man.

And so with all the working tools of Masonry committed unto us, may we remember that it depends upon us what kind of a building we erect, what kind of a temple of character we build. With the working tools committed to us one may build a wretched hovel and another may build a splendid palace.

The total assets of the Grand Lodge are reported at \$263,265.

The Trustees for the Orphans Home report:

We wish to state to the Grand Lodge that we are proud of the fact that it has entered upon this great work, which we deem the Grand Lodge fully able and competent to maintain and we sincerely trust that all of the brethren as well as the lodges will speak a good word for the home and give us your cordial co-operation in making it an unparalleled success.

M. Ex. Comp. Kuhn of the General Grand Chapter and P.G.M. of Missouri and Representatives of the Grand Chapter of Texas were introduced and M. Ex. and M. W. Comp. and Bro. Kuhn delivered one of his strong orations, from which we take the following excerpts:

Ritualism is alright, but ritualism is generally conducted by crossing every "t" and dotting every "i", but you will have to teach these young men what it means. They are in your hands, and it is for you to remove their disability. As I said today in the Grand Chapter, along the line of thinking. You know a colored man was brought before a Justice of the Peace to testify in a little row among his own people, and the judge said "Rastus, you saw this fight, tell us all about it." Rastus said judge, I think—I don't want you to think; tell us what you saw. Well yes, judge, I think—The judge said Rastus, didn't I tell you not to think; tell us what you saw. Rastus said judge I am not a lawyer, I cannot talk without thinking. Brethren that has a practical application. Brethren, you have heard lots of hot air in Freemasonry. A man that don't know anything about Freemasonry can generally make the loudest speech.

You know, we have such a thing as pessimistic people. They say people will not read the Bible any more. Let me tell you here, in all sincerity, there are more reading the Bible

today than ever in the history of the world. There are more men reading it intelligently than ever in the history of the world. The Bible is becoming recognized, and Freemasonry is the great agency by which the open Bible is brought again to their attention and to their minds and hearts.

The Correspondence review is in the hands of R.W. Bro. John A. Davilla, who presents a full report. His introduction is interesting and informing:

In Continental Europe, the hate and distrust engendered by an unholy war will be some time in subsidence and until then, until the doctrines of the Great Teacher shall simmer through the brain of the warring factions and they absorb the lessons of love which He taught, it appears as if the lessons of Freemasonry will lack force and effect.

In this Continent, in Central and South America, Masonry is making brave efforts to combat error and superstition and to establish a reign of freedom of thought and action. Although fighting against odds and thorough organization, these brethren are carrying bravely on and deserve every encouragement.

Let us hope that the general atmosphere is clearing, that the mist will soon disappear and the darkest hour in all of these foreign countries be soon followed by the dawn of a brighter day.

He finds much to comment on under Alberta, as other reviewers do:

The address as a whole is a splendid document replete with Masonic Doctrine scholarly expressed. Lack of space compels the exclusion of all but the above extracts and his concluding paragraphs:

Finally, we must remember the ancient landmarks hold true. Human society if it would ever attain to the ideal must rest upon the eternal basis of righteousness, must be dominated by a universal law of service and must be adorned by virtue sanctified by devotion.

Righteousness and service—stability and unity—these are the ancient landmarks proven true again in the necessities of today.

British Columbia gives us something unique in the following:

The Grand Master says in opening:

“Once more are we gathered in session on the banks of the Mighty Fraser, in the Royal City of New Westminster—a fitting setting for the deliberations of a Body, which, like the Fraser at this point, proceeds on its way with quiet but irresistible force.”

Rusticus expectat dum defluat amnis; at ille
 Labitur et labetur in omne volubiliis aevum.

Canada apparently has appealed to him and we blushing but with no false modesty reproduce some of his comments and quotations in order that our own Brethren may see how Canada is appreciated by other Jurisdictions, which have been defined as "a contemporaneous posterity":

"The address of the Grand Master is a remarkable document which shows clearly the literary attainments and strength of character of the writer. In a most pleasing style, he recites the history of Freemasonry in the Province of Ontario during the two years of his incumbency. Two years fraught with much profit and progress to the Craft under his splendid administration."

"Keep the lines of communication clear." Every greeting we send, every letter we write, every visit we pay, outside our own jurisdiction, helps to knit up those ties which, soft as silk but strong as steel, link up together Masonry universal, and thus focus and intensify the thoughts of men towards amity and good will.

Blow, bugles of battle,
 The marches of peace."

God help the man who would by word or action, short circuit the magnetic current which those who have ears to hear, and hearts to feel, must realize is essential if we are ever to attain to the Parliament of Man and the Federation of the world—the reign of love and the reign of law. Each can contribute his quota—each man is God's minister. Each Lodge, God's vineyard.

The board on the condition of Masonry presents a strong report, reviewing conditions generally as well as locally. It is repleted with sound Masonic doctrine, presented in an attractive form.

The same passages under Ireland that appealed to us appealed also to our colleague and he cites also the following additional paragraph from the Grand Master's address:

"No government with any sense at all can fail to recognize that a body composed as we are, and holding the principles that we do, and taught, as we are taught, in our ceremonies and ancient charges, can be anything but a source of strength to any reasonable government."

Scotland also receives full and generous treatment and the following passage from the address of the Grand

Master with reference to maintaining the sisterly relations between Scotland and England were (and are also by us), thought worthy of permanent impression:

Brethren, can we not adduce from that analogy that the network of Freemasonry, which has spread over the whole of the British Isles—because we have a large number of Freemasons in almost every town—acts in the same way as the wire netting in the reinforced concrete, and holds together that national spirit which is cemented by patriotism. It is because of the fact that we are a binding web or net work inside the social system that we can do good, and that we can promote and maintain all those elements of the national spirit which make for good citizenship, and for the permanence and stability of our institutions; but we shall not maintain that power—we cannot maintain that power—unless all our external forces are vitalized and sustained by a spiritual force which makes Freemasonry what it is."

Our colleague has a skilled touch.

The next Annual Communication will commence February 2, 1925.

Prentiss E. Carter, Franklinton, M.W. Grand Master.

John A. Davilla, New Orleans, R.E. Grand Secretary.

MAINE

Albert M. Spear, M.W. Grand Master.

Number of Lodges 206. Membership 41,370. Net gain 1015.

The clear cut judicial features of M.W. Bro. Spear who, like so many of the rulers of the Craft in the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States is a Justice of the Supreme Court, adorns the title page of the Proceedings.

The 104th Annual Communication was held in Portland, May 2, 1923, just at the time of the great flood of that year, which with its attendant Railroad wash-out prevented Representatives east of Bangor from being present. It is worthy of note that the solid old Grand Trunk Railway remained intact and unmoved.

They certainly do things with dignity and decorum in Maine as witness the following account of the reception to their two guests:

An alarm was attended to and announcement made that distinguished guests were in waiting to visit the Grand Lodge of Maine, whereupon the M. W. Grand Master directed the Grand Marshal to retire with an escort composed of all the Past Grand Masters of Maine present, and introduce the visitors. They retired and in due time returned conducting Most Worshipful William N. Ponton, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in Ontario, who was formally introduced and accorded the Grand Honors of Masonry, to which he responded in most graceful manner.

The Grand Marshal with the Past Grand Masters again retired and soon returned conducting Most Worshipful Arthur E. Randell, Past Grand Master of Masons of Texas, who, after formal introduction, was accorded the Grand Honors to which he responded briefly but in most happy manner.

Both the distinguished visitors were given seats of honor in the East.

The writer of this review was much impressed throughout.

Canada's Grand Representative did not answer the roll call.

Following some reports of interest came the more than ordinarily interesting and arresting annual address of the Grand Master from which the following extracts will indicate his judicial style of speech and thought. We do not apologize for making these excerpts generously for the whole address was eminently "worth while."

I congratulate you, upon the happy auspices, under which we meet to-day, as Masons. Progress and prosperity, have favored our efforts, in a satisfactory degree. Our net gain for the year is one thousand and fifty-six. While the number is not equal to that of the previous year, we nevertheless feel that our increase has met the full standard of Masonic requirement.

At the present time, however, this country is, in a business way, favored with prosperity and employment, yet there is an undercurrent of popular dissatisfaction with the existing order of affairs. We are drifting away from the landmarks of our early conception of government. Liberty, as defined by the fathers, has grown irksome. The rule that your liberty ceases, where my rights begin, is no longer popular. The tendency is toward socialism, communism, and disregard of law.

As I interpret the tenets of Masonry, every one of these tendencies is a plain perversion of their teaching. Without going into details, I am calling attention to these tendencies as a suggestion, to this representative body of men, that

they may be ever alert to the important part that the 42,000 preferred and selected craftsmen are called upon to perform, for weal or for woe, through the influence they exert, upon the people of their respective communities.

And among the most powerful agencies of resistance, to the advancement of erroneous doctrines, should be, and will be, the serried ranks of Symbolic Masonry. And as Symbolic Masonry comprises all the other Masonic orders, every Mason from Entered Apprentice to the Knight Templar, and from the third degree to the Thirty-Third Degree, should be found standing together, as one man, for the maintenance of law, order, and justice. And the craftsman who stands aloof is not a Mason.

With regard to meetings held as "Moveable Feasts" dependent on the Inconsistent Moon the G.M. says:

These amendments were self suggested for the purpose of enabling the lodges to avoid the confusion, that was constantly arising with reference to stated communications, that were to be held on or before the full of the moon. Many of the dispensations granted were made necessary by the inadvertent omission to observe the proper date of the full of the moon, or upon the assumption that, in certain cases, the date of this phase of the moon with reference to the date of the annual meeting, made the latter date impossible. I have heartily approved these amendments, and would take this occasion to recommend changes in all the By-laws to accomplish a like purpose.

As a Disciplinary the G.M. is firm:

To this communication, I received a reply so discourteous, that I felt not only grieved, but persuaded that the great office which I had the honor to represent, required me to suspend the brother, from the rights and privileges of Masonry, until a meeting of the Grand Lodge, for such action as it might see fit to take.

As to automatic reinstatements he says:

During the past year, two cases have been called to my attention where Masons, having been suspended for thirty-five years for non-payment of dues, and during that time exempt from the payment of dues, have applied to their lodges for restoration upon the payment of a few year's of arrearage. The present Constitution provides, that such applicants may be restored upon a two-thirds vote of the lodge. It seems apparent, that such procedure might work an injustice, and I desire to call your attention, to the propriety of an amendment to the Constitution, requiring a unanimous secret ballot to effectuate restoration in such cases.

It has been brought to my attention, both upon information and observation, with reference to several cases of un-Masonic

conduct of a flagrant nature, that the lodges having jurisdiction, have failed to take any action in regard to such violations of Masonic law. I cannot avoid the conclusion that the good name of the Order, as well as Masonic law, require me to call your attention to this matter, for such action as you may deem advisable with reference to an amendment of the Constitution or the enactment of a standing regulation, authorizing the Grand Master to direct any lodge, derelict in this regard, to take such action as the nature of the offense may require.

As to the "Perfect Youth" the G.M. says:

The letter of the law killeth, but the spirit of the law giveth life." In my opinion the spirit of the Constitution was intended to open wide the door to moral and intellectual worth, and to close it upon the objection of physical disqualification to the last possible degree, consistent with the ancient landmarks. And this it should do.

The G.M. answered the following decisively in the negative:

I have been requested to pass upon the question of whether the O.E.S. could be permitted to establish permanent emblems of their order in a Masonic Hall of which they were in regular occupation.

With regard to the vindictive ballot bugbear the G.M. says:

And it makes no difference whether that grievance is engendered by a feeling against the lodge or against the candidate to be balloted for. I have no hesitancy in saying that a violation of that trust and the casting of a ballot by a member for the purpose of enabling him to satisfy any personal feeling, is un-Masonic and, if clearly provable against such offending member, would furnish good cause for filing charges against such member for un-Masonic conduct.

"I further wish to say that I deem it not only un-Masonic but cowardly, for a man, who has been afforded the honors of Masonry, to take advantage of a secret ballot in order to serve his own personal ends."

Only once do we find ourselves confessing to experiencing a little of the jarring note of exaggeration which sometimes in the enthusiasm of the moment appears to take hold of our good and true United States Brethren, and surely the Grand Master will pardon our not seeing eye to eye with him as we read with regard to the George Washington Memorial:

This memorial is destined to become the most unique, the most stupendous structure of its kind in the world. The

seven wonders are now but incidents of history; but the memory of Washington, as it will be reflected in the name of that magnificent temple, will be cherished as the most beneficent in the history of thought, except that of the Man of Galilee.

With regard to the K.K.K. he gives no uncertain sound:

While we have no concern with the K.K.K., or any organization as such, we may have a vital concern, regarding the conduct of Masons in joining that, or any other society, whose activities may be regarded as a menace to law and order.

Any society, or order, whatever its professions, that sanctions the violation of law, by the use of violence or threats, is a menace to society, and destructive of organized government.

Therefore, depriving, or attempting to deprive a man of life liberty, or property, in a cowardly mask and under cover of night, is a flagrant violation of law.

I note that the Grand Jurisdiction of Massachusetts takes the same position that I do with reference to the utter inconsistency of the K.K.K. with Masonry, and in closing his warning, to the Masons of Massachusetts, forbade the use of any temple, or hall, in that State, by the K.K.K. as follows: "No Masonic Temple, or apartment, must be used for their purpose, and let every Mason who has attempted to join the Klan consider well if he can harmonize his obligations as a Mason with the principles of the Klan."

His closing is graphic and characteristic:

In closing, I wish to say, that I contemplate the mission of Freemasonry, from the standpoint of its practical effect and influence upon the home, the neighborhood, the community and the State, rather than from the circumscribed perspective of the lodge room and the ritual.

There is no other way by which the virtues and merits of Masonry can be revealed to the uninitiated. It stands for what its individual members stand; its work is measured by what its individual members do; its character is estimated by what its individual members are. Whereupon, it is plain that the affiliate who does not live up to the obligations of the Order does vastly more harm, both to society and the Craft, than if he had never belonged to it.

We may fear little danger from without; Masonry has the confidence and good will of every community; but we are not free from dangers that may arise from within.

We read of the fabled eagle, who, as he lay wounded and dying upon the plain, grieved not that he was about to die,

but that the fatal shaft that had pierced his vitals was guided in its deadly course by a feather dropped from his own wing.

From the Grand Secretary's Report we clip the following:

While on this subject, I may perhaps be permitted to suggest that according to my mind a considerable saving of time and expense could be made by omitting to print the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, giving instead a summary of facts ascertained by them when making visits arranged in a few pages of tabulated statistics.

The Committee on Returns reports as follows:

The percentage of applications rejected this year exceeds that of last year by a considerable margin. Hardly one in four of the petitioners for the degrees have been elected to receive them. An examination of the table will show that hardly a lodge which received any considerable number of applications considered all the aspirants worthy. While our growth has consequently been much smaller and a great reduction from the amount of work done during the past few years, we may safely conclude the quality of that growth is fully up to the Maine standard.

With regard to Physical qualification all previous decisions are eliminated from the Digest and the following inserted:

A man to be eligible for the degrees must be able to conform to all the ceremonies in the practice of Masonry, to receive all the work and impart it to another. The substitution of limbs or parts for portions of his natural person shall not be a bar, *provided* such are under the practical control of the petitioner. The nature and extent of deformities of the natural person shall indicate whether or not they are a disqualification.

If the Senior Warden can conscientiously declare that the candidate is in due form, and is fully able to receive and impart all signs and tokens necessary for masonic recognition in each degree he is not ineligible.

It is for the Master of the lodge to decide whether, under the foregoing limitations, the disability of a particular candidate excludes him.

The Grand Master then did something unusual and impressive which is thus described.

Grand Master Spear then made an informal, but most powerful address to the Brethren, speaking along the line of the need of all Masons better informing themselves of their masonic duties and obligations, and the absolute necessity that every Mason should strictly observe the civic laws of the State and

the Country. He laid much stress on the point that lodges should take more care in instructing candidates along these lines rather than to bend all energy to a letter perfect recital of the ritual; though that should by no means be neglected as the candidate advances. He was listened to most attentively; frequently interrupted by applause, and at his conclusion every member arose to his feet for prolonged cheering.

The afternoon session of the second day was devoted to addresses by M.W. Louis A. Watres of Pennsylvania, President of the Washington National Memorial, M.W. Andrew L. Randell of Texas, Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association, and M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, Grand Master of Canada in Ontario, who closed his address at a dramatic moment, the whole scene being thus described in the Proceedings:

Lastly, the Grand Master introduced Most Worshipful, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, who spoke for a half hour or more with wonderful magnetic power, dwelling on the individual duties in every day life of every man who takes upon himself the obligations of a mason.

When M.W. Brother Ponton finished speaking, and the tremendous applause given him had ceased, the Grand Secretary who had been called to the telephone during the address, stepped in front of the altar and made the announcement that Most Worshipful Brother Frank E. Sleeper, Senior Past Grand Master, died at his home in Sabattus, at 3.50 o'clock.

The announcement came like a thunder bolt from a clear sky. Dead silence, broken here and there about the great hall by deep sobs, prevailed for several full minutes. Then M.W. Brother Ponton softly spoke brief words of sympathy on behalf of the visitors, and Grand Master Spear declared the Grand Lodge called from labor to refreshment until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

I cannot say, and I will not say
That he is dead—he is just away!
With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand,
He has wandered into an unknown land,
Think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of There as the love of Here;
Think of him still as the same, I say;
He is not dead—he is just away!"

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals administers discipline vigorously and suspended a member for three years for writing a discourteous and caustic letter to the Grand Master and for using the Masonic emblem in his advertisements.

Maine has not merely an outstanding Grand Master but also one of the ablest Grand Correspondents in the Masonic world, in the person of Bro. Ashley A. Smith, who makes his pages live with vital interest and fills them full of information which the whole Craft should share. His point of view may be gathered from his foreword from which we make the following extracts:

There is always this to be said in defense of a truism that it is *true*. Lord Morley was wont to proclaim that after all "Commonplace is exactly what contains the truths which are indispensable." Something like this is the strength and glory of us who are rather glad and privileged to bear the reproach of being the mossbacks of Masonry, and, who propose to abide in a liberal spirit by the ancient landmarks.

For a conservative *conserves*, that is, he retains and maintains something of vital value for our generation. A recent publicist, whether in commendation of Cleveland or in condemnation of Washington, we can hardly tell, has said, "That Grover Cleveland was the greatest master of platitude since George Washington."

How far we have travelled from the original meaning of the word—radical—may be seen when we consult the lexicon and find it to mean—one who goes to the *roots* of truth. Surely no one thinks of a radical today in that way. The usual meaning of the word is quite different in the minds of the majority of men, and the type which comes before our vision when we say—radical—is that of the superficial doctrinaire, the irresponsible social agitator, the long-haired type of fanatical reformer with an easy panacea for all social ills and international maladies and disorders.

The whole point and purpose of this brief essay is to make clear that there is precisely this reality at the heart of free-masonry, as we have this year and last been observing it throughout the world—a wholesome and radical conservatism.

He deals with Canada in kindly and appreciative spirit and we make the following quotations from his complimentary review:

The Grand Master's annual address deals in a vital and timely way with the pressing needs and problems of the hour. It is an address far above the average both in matter and literary style embellished now and then by a well chosen and apt quotation from the poets.

Speaking of his 494 dispensations issued during the year he says of those for Divine Service, "these I have always encouraged. More and more Masonry must become the auxiliary—the handmaid of the Church Militant, and like the Church, she is a ladder and channel of service. Sane and wholesome

religion should be normally enjoyed and openedly professed by every Craftsman who if he believes in the Brotherhood of Man must also believe in the Fatherhood of God. Collective and individual worship is one of our distinguishing privileges." A rather unusual advocacy on the part of a Grand Master and perhaps permissible; but what if there is a large, or even small Hebrew membership in the lodge? Can we stretch the phrase "Church Militant," to cover the synagogue? If so, this gentle demurrer is withdrawn. The Grand Master punctures an all too common fallacy with these words: "There is no reason why, if both character and financial ability of petitioners are carefully scrutinized (as they should be) both quantity and quality should not coexist."

We give hearty Amen to these words: "Between us and (the United States) the two great English speaking nations, Masonry is the unifying genius. In this commemorative year of Memorials none has been erected of greater significance and import, than that massive portal which now stands where the forty-ninth parallel meets Boundary Bay. On the United States side is the inscription "Children of a common Mother," on the Canadian side, "Brethren dwelling together in Unity," and on the portals, "Open for 100 years and may these doors never be closed; So mote it be."

His praise for Brother Shanks is well deserved.

A thirteen page report of more than ordinary excellence is given by R.W. Bro. Thomas Shauks, as Chairman of the Board on the Condition of Masonry, in which he makes a vital survey of the Masonic world, we note with real delight his mention of Maine and his citation of our words of appreciation of the Grand Lodge of Canada especially relative to the painstaking labors of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

No other Correspondent has done such complete justice as he has done to the merits of R.W. Bro. E. B. Brown, my predecessor:

"The Report on Correspondence is written by R. W. Bro. Edward B. Brown, Chairman, a review of seventy-six annual proceedings. It is a quiet, keen and kindly piece of literary and Masonic labor which has challenged our respect and ministered to our happiness. Ontario is to be congratulated on having such a progressively conservative writer of its report. His enthusiasms never betray him into fanaticisms or undue emphasis on incidentals. It is a delight to read his estimate of Maine and his cordial words of gentle praise for our doings. Grand Master Wheeler, for instance receives this fine tribute, "an address of which any Grand Master might be proud, thoughtful, well-reasoned and faultless in diction."

A wonderful vocabulary and the poetic instinct characterise Maine's Correspondence Report.

Under Georgia he gives us the following gem:

But to mention and commend all the good things and constructive measures adopted by Georgia would be to extend this report to undue lengths and leave scant space for one of the distinctive and masterful correspondence reports which come to this office. M.W. Bro. Raymond Daniel writes it and when we read it we know that we are only getting the outward verbal expression of a personality which it would be a real delight to know better and as Cowper put it, "carry on our list of friends." This report reminded us of certain lines of Tennyson, "Words like Nature half reveal, and half conceal, the soul within." The Grand Master said of him, "he is a gem of the first water and to praise is like trying to add brightness to the sun." Well, we can't compete with that kind of poetic praise, but we can say, amen.

Bro. Daniel has forthright and trenchant words on various topics of vital concern to the Craft everywhere.

While Canada is associated and indexed with United States' Jurisdictions, England and Australia are given a niche by themselves among the "foreigners" but he finds matter of much interest therein and referring to the Princess Mary's wedding gift he records:

The first matter considered at the March Quarterly was H.R.H. Princess Mary's Wedding Gift, which took the form of a Louis XV Cabinet. For this remembrance on the part of the Grand Lodge of England, H.R.H. made this fitting and womanly reply: "I am deeply touched by the kind and generous thought which has inspired the United Grand Lodge of England to offer me their congratulations and this magnificent present on my marriage. This beautiful specimen of foreign workmanship, a masterpiece of the art of the French cabinet makers of the eighteenth century, will always be highly treasured by me, and will constantly remind me of my devoted friends in the United Grand Lodge, and of the splendid influence of Masonry in promoting unity, peace and concord."

With regard to the election of Sir John Ferguson as Grand Treasurer and now our own Honorary Member, he reprints the following:

The V.W. Bro. Rev. W. P. Besley, Past Grand Chaplain, nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer, W. B. Sir John Ferguson, K.B.E., Manager of Lloyds Bank. V.W. Bro. Besley's speech contained this gem of humor: "It may seem a little out of place that a brother of my cloth should have anything to do with the nomination of the Grand Treasurer; but I welcome the opportunity because it is one of the few opportunities that the clergy have of having anything to do with finance on such a great scale. I have no doubt that there is

a general feeling that it is just as well that there is no other opportunity."

His review of the Australian Jurisdictions is a full and able one and we close the volume well satisfied.

Albert M. Spear, Augusta, M.W. Grand Master.

Charles B. Davis, Portland, M.W. Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND

Warren S. Seipp, M. W. Grand Master.

Membership 30,489. Net gain 857.

The Semi-annual Communication was held at Baltimore, on May 18th, 1923, and at this meeting the Committee recommended fraternal recognition of and exchange with the Republic of Columbia having its See at Bogota.

A Memorial Service or Lodge of Sorrow in memory of the late President Harding, was held on August 10th, 1923, with great dignity and solemnity. This extract from the printed Ceremonial will give some idea of the lofty spirit in which this Memorial function was conducted—

Grand Master—Brother Senior Grand Warden, for what purpose are we assembled?

Senior Warden—To honor the memory of our Friend and Brother, Warren G. Harding, late President of the United States, whom death has taken from us, to teach the Brethren that to live is not all of life, and that as the golden glories of the sunset fade from our sight, so the influences of the great and good men who die remain to light the world after their eyes are closed in that sleep that knows no waking here.

Grand Master—Brother Junior Grand Warden, what sentiments should inspire the souls of Masons on occasions like the present?

Junior Warden—Calm sorrow for the absence of our Brethren who have gone before us; the brevity and uncertainty of human life and the instability of human fortune; and that, as the sun at its meridian height calls the laborer to rest from his toil, so the Grand Master of the Universe often calls those whose noon-day of life is not yet passed, to rest from the labors of this world in the more immediate presence of God.

G. M.—Daily we draw nearer unto the gates of death. We go like the shadow when it declineth. All our days are sorrows;

and are travail; grief; yea, our hearts take not rest in the night.

S. W.—Death comes up into our windows, and is entered into our palaces to cut off those we love, the young with the aged. They fall alike, as the ripe and the unripe ears of wheat after the harvest, and there is none to gather them up.

G. M.—The Lord our God causeth darkness, and our feet stumble upon the dark mountains; and while we look for light, He turns it into the shadow of Death, and makes it thick darkness.

J. W.—He puts us out; He covers our heavens with a pall, and darkens all its stars; He covers our sun with a cloud, and our moon no longer gives her light. All the bright lights of heaven He makes dark over us, and sets darkness upon our land.

(Altar light extinguished by Grand Director of Ceremonies.)

G. M.—The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord. Amen!

(Sound low twelve.)

Several Special meetings were held and Grand Lodge participated in the laying of the Cornerstone of the George Washington Memorial, November 1st, 1923.

The 137th Annual Communication was held in Baltimore, November 20th, 1923, with a record attendance.

The Grand Master's address is an out-spoken proclamation of his creed and his experience. A taste of his mettle may be realized from the following extracts—

During this year we have had and are now having an unusual number of trials. These used to be the exception, but now they seem to excite no comment. More care at entrance would mean a less stringent exit. Quality should never be sacrificed for quantity, and if necessary cut your expenses, so that quantity will have no part in your program.

The promiscuous giving of Masonic emblems as souvenirs is to be deplored. It cheapens the Fraternity and makes a laughing stock of our sacredness.

If love for the Fraternity is in your hearts, you will help and not hinder. Let us put forth our efforts to make Masonry what we think it should be. If you do not agree with certain policies, don't knock unless you can suggest an improvement.

Don't recommend a man for Masonry that you would not take into your own home and permit him to sit with your family at table. Co-operation in the little as well as in the big things should be our aim, and in every movement for the good of the Craft let each one do his bit, then will progress and success be assured.

Canada's Representative in Maryland is Bro. John Hiltz. Maryland's Representative in Canada is M.W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope.

The Proceedings close with the same protest that Iowa made as to the parades of quasi-Masonic bodies, the two concluding sentences being—

We say parading advisedly, for their votaries seem set upon strutting the streets clad in gay, gaudy and garish garments, flaunting flaming banners, tearing the public peace to tatters with the blare of the trombone and the boom of the bass-drum.

Seeing which the citizen on the sidewalk cries, "See, there go the Masons!" The Masons, forsooth! These devotees of dazzle and din!

R.W. Bro. Henry Branch is the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, and says in his introduction—

There seems to be a great revival of interest on the subject of Education, a most encouraging prospect for those whose supreme idea is LIGHT.

He is not asleep at the switch and turns on the electric light with a very clear and steady hand.

He, as we ourselves are very much attracted by British Columbia, and B. C. gives him opportunity for the following—

Now for the conclusion, I declare it does me good to renew my youth, when the Ancients were familiar friends. He says: "The finished Craftsman, though not 'totus, teres atque rotundus' will at all events possess a 'Mens sana in corpore sano,' and above all living in constant communion with the Great Architect, "in Whom alone we live and move and have our being' he will fan into greater vigor the Divine spark which was breathed into man at the beginning.

His scholarly address closes with this appeal: "We should never forget, that no matter how small our numbers in any particular locality, we belong to a Mighty Brotherhood, spread over the habitable surface of the Globe; and fortified by our conviction that there is a Mens sibi conscia recti, determine,

by the optimism engendered by the practice of Faith, Hope and Charity to stoutly oppose the pessimism so prevalent with the Iconoclasts of the day, who would have us believe that there is no difference between right and wrong, and that civilization itself will be swept away once more by the onrush of barbarism."

Kansas furnishes him with the following—

We are all asked if we believe in the divinity of the One Living and True God.....While we of America, because of our provincialism, think of Masonry in connection with the great Protestant divisions of the Christian region, yet the history of Masonry shows that it has gone into all countries of the world, regardless of the kind of Christian faith..... Masonry is a universal institution.

From dignified Massachusetts he manages to extract some very good stories, among them this one which is worth repeating—

Another greets this fifty year old crowd: A mother putting her little boy to bed had exhausted her "Brer Rabbit Stories" and others and was about to turn the switch and put out the light, when the little fellow asked "Oh, Mother, where does the light go when it goes out?" "My dear," said she, "you ask such foolish questions! Why, I might just as well try to tell you where your father goes, when he goes out."

Montana is a fertile field, and we do not apologize for reprinting the following gleanings—

The Governor of the State, a member of the Masonic Order, said: "We the Masons of Montana take pride in the fact that during the time of disorder and violence and anarchy, the Ark of the Covenant of free government and law and order was preserved at Virginia City and the other primitive settlements by a little group of citizens who knew each other in the dark as well as in the light as Masons."

Now here is the Philosophical Mason, I met once in an insane asylum. He said to me: "I have just solved the riddle of the Universe." I know he was a philosophical Mason.

He said: "I have demonstrated it right here on this board" and he held up the bottom of a cracker box. I looked at it and on it was a right angle triangle and equilateral triangle, a cube, a sphere and all the geometric figures. "I have just drawn and from this I demonstrate God Almighty and the evolution of Cosmos into the world of today." I said: "That is a big subject, Doctor, go ahead; I want to hear it." He said: "Well, you see that triangle; one side is called the altitude and one the base and the other is the hypotenuse. If I can solve this hypotenuse I have demonstrated the Universe of the Almighty." "I said, "that is good." "Now," he said, "this perpendicular line represents the upside-downness of the world

and this base line represents the downside-upness, and by working this upside-downness with the downside-upness of the world we get the hypotenuse and that demonstrates what we are after. (Laughter.) He said: "I have done it." I said, "What is your solution?" He said: Almighty God is represented by that hypotenuse and that hypotenuse is equal to the square of the upside-downness plus twice the square of the downside-upness." (Laughter.) I said: "Doctor, you are right. You are right at home."

Says Dr. Kuhn: "This is just as much a practical talk as we get in a great deal of the philosophy of Freemasons. Let us get away from philosophers and down to earth."

With regard to Masonic Homes generally he is an enthusiast and the Ohio Masonic Home gives him and us the following—

These children are not the offsprings of diseased and degenerate men and women; they were not born in hovels, and have not been contaminated by contact with profane or vulgar associates. They are God-fearing children, for each of them is the child of a man who has stood before the altar of Freemasonry and professed belief in Almighty God."

Scotland was alive to the opportunity that 1924 affords. We wish that their suggestion for a World's Conference of Freemasons had been adopted. When this report is presented to Grand Lodge the writer hopes to be in Edinburgh—

Notice was given that "The holding in London in 1924 of the British Empire Exhibition provided an opportunity for calling an International (World's) Conference of Freemasons in London in 1924; and if so considered that the Grand Lodge of Scotland approach the Sister Grand Lodge of England and Ireland and other Grand Lodges in amity, to enlist their cordial interest and aid in supporting such a Conference."

Victoria's Grand Master, His Excellency The Earl of Stradbroke, K.C.M.G., etc., said in his address—

"As Governor of this State I am not starting any precedent in occupying the position to which I have been installed this evening, as two of my predecessors in recent years, Lord Brassey and Lord Carmichael, both fulfilled this position, and I noticed in a paper the other day that His Excellency Lord Jellicoe, Governor General of New Zealand, was joining the Craft....."

South Australia's Grand Master believes that not through eastern windows only comes the light, but he looks to the West and this is what he finds—

"In reading reports of other Grand Lodge Constitutions, especially of America, he had been surprised and inspired by what was accomplished in the way of building orphanages and homes for infirm brethren and hospitals out of moneys received for benevolent purposes.

The Ruling Master of Western Australia is the Most Worshipful and Most Reverend Archbishop Riley and he rules well.

Canada is not included alphabetically within the circle of United States Grand Jurisdictions but is included in the warmth of welcome within the circle of British Grand Lodges by our friendly colleague. He speaks thus of our meeting of July, 1922—

These twin cities greeted the Grand Lodge with a double-barrel welcome, one by the Mayor of Fort William.

The welcome to Port Arthur expresses this idea: "Port Arthur and Fort William are situated midway between the Atlantic and the Pacific, and we believe are placed here in order that we may interpret the temperament of the West to the East and the East to the West, in order that there be no cleavage, but one united Canada."

After other quotations and comments he has the following, which appear to have appealed to him—

"In his address of over thirty pages the Grand Master exercises his liberty and speaks very candidly to the brethren. He says: 'I would rather see attendance duplicated than the roll quadrupled. Members on paper are neither a pillar, column nor ornament to a Lodge, which is a living organism whose countersign is manhood and loyalty—real men in a world of men.'"

He speaks of addressing a gathering of 2,000 Masons on Maunday Thursday in the City of New York, "and nothing could exceed the honors and genuine kindness showered on Canada.....This interchange of visits—this interlacing of fraternal intercourse—is pregnant with international results and should be encouraged. Hands and hearts across the lakes....."

We must feed public opinion with right thoughts and kind deeds and good will actually expressed in terms of community service; or public opinion will be fed by those who prefer the darkness to the light.....Do our public men in Ontario understand that 95,000 men in Ontario have certain clear aims and purposes, which, without mixing up with party politics in any way, we propose to maintain?.....

And he concludes his genial review with the following modest but generous statement—

Unlimited space permits a full review of Maryland's proceedings, which brings the blush to our cheek. Never mind, our space is limited, but we have done our best beyond the limit allowed us.

The next Annual Communication will be held in Baltimore, November 18th, 1924.

"Maryland, My Maryland" is always reminiscent of harmony and concord.

Warren S. Seipp, Baltimore, M.W. Grand Master.

George Cook, Baltimore, R.W. Grand Secretary.

MANITOBA

94 Lodges

10,684 Members

The 48th Annual Communication was opened in Winnipeg on June 13th, 1923, M.W. Bro. Rev. Andrew B. Baird, D.D., presiding. We agree with the Committee on the Grand Master's address in describing it as one expressive of a lofty conception of life and duty, a most brotherly spirit of trust and good will, intimate knowledge of and zeal for the affairs of the Craft, faith in the future progress of the work, and wholesome suggestions relating thereto.

In dealing with the question of lodge attendance, the G.M. remarks—

"I have been struck with admiration for the ingenuity and trouble taken by the officers in many lodges to keep up the interest and attendance at regular meetings. It must be admitted that a large number of our Masonic brethren do not keep up an interest in the monthly gathering. The business programme is seldom thrilling and the ritual tends to become monotonous. The attempts in some lodges to overcome this difficulty are worthy of all praise. The improvement in the dignity and beauty of carrying out the ritual, the introduction of attractive, educational and entertainment features in the programme, the assignment of a group of lukewarm members to some rather resourceful brother who undertakes to secure attendance are all commendable and usually successful."

As remedial measures in the matter of attendance the Grand Master also suggests the importance of opening the meetings at the appointed time and the introduction of the English system of meeting for

supper first to be followed by business or degree work started sharp on time.

The Grand Librarian's report contains the following gentle hint:

"I have not had occasion to send out many expressions of appreciation for books donated on Masonry or any other subject."

The Committee on the Condition of Masonry regrets to learn that very few of the sitting Masters in the jurisdiction are able to confer all the degrees even when they have concluded their terms of office, reports that there is an unfortunate tendency on the part of some Lodges to cut short the work of the degrees, and deplors the fact that the necessity for careful tuition of candidates does not receive everywhere the serious attention which it deserves.

In accordance with a resolution of Grand Lodge, a special committee had investigated the Order of De Molay for Boys. Their report contains the following account of the organization of a local chapter of the Order—

"With an initial enrolment of something in the neighborhood of 100 boys, a Winnipeg Chapter of the Order of De Molay was instituted with full ceremonial on February 24, 1923. About 1500 members of the Craft were present. A delegation of twenty-two members from Ivanhoe Chapter, Grand Forks, N. D., comprised the degree team, the whole forming a staff whose attitude to the work could scarcely be surpassed. Great care was exercised by the Committee appointed by the Winnipeg Lodge of Perfection (Scottish Rite) regarding the personal qualifications of this large class of initiates. Those who saw this fine group of Winnipeg boys, the first of the De Molay Order for Canada, must have felt not only proud of Canada, but hopeful regarding its future."

"Your Committee have seen much to convince them of the value of this institution for the improvement of young manhood. They have every confidence in the wisdom and tact of the Council appointed by the Winnipeg Lodge of Perfection. They agree that the Order of De Molay is a splendid thing for young men. It is in no wise Masonic; its membership is made up of young men between 16 and 21 years, sons of Masons and their son's friends. The ritual is beautiful, the lessons splendid, forceful and impressive. It is and must be, fostered by some branch of Masonry, and it is in every particular worthy of consideration and support."

The report on the Proceedings of sister Grand Lodges is by R.W. Bro. James S. MacEwing. He writes in a forcful but pleasant way and offers some very readable comments on the modern tendencies of the Craft. He presents first a short synopsis of outstanding facts noted, followed by a report of each Jurisdiction separately. His conclusions are worth quoting—

“There are two clouds in the Masonic skies, one restricted as yet to the United States, while the other is spreading and becoming more general. The first is the deviating from established customs by a number of Grand Jurisdictions through the passing by them of motions concerning legislation of a public nature being dealt with by State or National Legislatures.”

“Masons are all, or should be, vitally interested in educational policies, but whether action should be taken by them in their capacity as citizens or as a Masonic body is open to argument, but the great danger as I see it is that if the latter policy was agreed on—Where do we draw the line?”

“The other “cloud” is the multiplying of orders requiring as a prerequisite for membership Masonic standing or relationship. To some this popularity of Masonry may appeal, but to me it would look as though the superstructure was becoming top heavy. Just what the ultimate outcome will be hard to say. The subject is still so new that many Masons have failed to grasp the question, and whether the best policy is to utterly ignore such organizations or whether legislation of a drastic type will have to be enacted in order to protect and uphold our present Masonic standing, only the future can tell.”

Canada’s report for 1922 is reviewed and appreciative reference are made to the Grand Master’s address and to the report on the Condition of Masonry.
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MEXICO (YORK GRAND LODGE) 1922

Ernest J. Nicklos, M.W. Grand Master.

Membership 867.

The 62nd Annual Communication was held in the City of Mexico, April 13, 1922.

Much attention was paid to the Commission composed of M.W. Bro. Randell and colleagues who visited Mexico, apparently with abortive results so far as the York Grand Lodge was concerned. Some of the

trouble may be gathered from the following which we quote—

The Grand Lodge of Texas, at its last Annual Communication, extended recognition to the Grand Logia Valle de Mexico rather than to this Grand Lodge. That action has become a hardship to its own members sojourning here, who have found in our Lodges a genuine lodge home in a distant land, and they are the real sufferers from that action. As for us—should we not extend to the sojourning brethren the same cordial, brotherly spirit of the past? Let us give them the greetings of the past. Let us support them in need, visit them when sick, and bury those of them who pass away in our midst, well knowing that Truth and Right must soon prevail and that the time is not far distant when the Grand Lodge of Texas, our old friend of nearly thirty years standing, will again be in fraternal relation with us.

With regard to the language chosen, we quote the following comment—

“There is only one other question raised to which I deem any reference necessary. At the time the name was changed to York Grand Lodge, English was adopted as the official language, but provision was made permitting the two Mexican Lodges which had remained loyal to continue to work in the Spanish language; and the Grand Secretary was directed to correspond with those Lodges in Spanish.

The Grand Master in his able address speaks highly of the visit of Dr. William F. Kuhn of the General Grand Chapter of the United States accompanied by other Grand Chapter Officers, and he reports fully upon the good historical work done by himself and the Committee in securing the preserving records and concludes as follows—

We are marching ahead over a rough road, continuously meeting with dangers of many kinds, but we will arrive at our desired goal, as our trust and faith is in God. No better men or Masons are to be found in any part of the world than we have under this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is in the hands of M.W. Bro. Cecil C. Preston, Past Grand Master, who devotes considerable and discriminating attention to many Grand Jurisdictions, including several Canadian.

They appreciate poetry in Mexico apparently. The following is one of many verses cited—

“When the last feeble step has been taken
And the gates of the Lodge shall appear,
And the beautiful songs of the angels
Float out on the listening ear,
Then all that now seems mysterious
Will be plain and clear as the day,
And the toils of the road will seem nothing
When we get to the end of the way.”

With regard to the size of Lodges, the reviewer quotes from Massachusetts Grand Master Johnson as follows—

It is said that “elephantiasis is a disease equally injurious to an animal, a human, or a Lodge.”

I have long been of the opinion that many of our Lodges are altogether too large, and that better Masonic and equally good financial results would be obtained if there were more Lodges, with smaller membership.

With regard to France we excerpt the following comments under Virginia—

The motto of France “Liberty, Equality, Fraternity” seems to breathe the spirit of freedom. Freemasonry is par excellence a fraternity that teaches Liberty, and practices Equality, and in addition recognizes no body of men who call themselves Masons who do not believe and trust in God, the Supreme Architect and Governor of the Universe, and do not spread the Great Lights upon the Altar.

One of the universal problems is referred to—

The source of danger thus indicated is brought home more closely to the Board by the knowledge that Secretaries of some of our Lodges have received a request from women secretaries of Lodges of the Eastern Star, asking for a categorical statement as to whether certain persons named were ‘in good standing’ in that particular Lodge—a request to which no Secretary of a Masonic Lodge in such circumstances has a right to reply.

Without in any way challenging the good faith, the excellent intentions, and as I believe, some directions the righteous work that is being done by the women members of the Eastern Star, we hold as a Board, and we submit our conclusions to Grand Lodge, that no Mason has a right, as a Mason, to join a body which admits those who would not be admitted under the Book of Constitutions to a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge of England (Hear! Hear!).

Cassius C. Shanks, Grand Secretary.

MEXICO (YORK GRAND LODGE 1923)

Charles E. Cummings, M.W. Grand Master.

Membership 917. Net increase 58.

A picture of M.W. Grand Master Charles E. Cummings precedes the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, the Annual Communication being held in Masonic Hall, San Luis Potosi, March 29th, 1923, with the total of 54 present votes.

The many Grand Representatives, including England, answered to the Roll Call.

The Grand Master in his address refers feelingly and fully to the much regretted death of the Grand Secretary, Cassius C. Shanks, and the tribute concludes with the following words—

The sympathy of this Grand Lodge has been extended to the bereaved widow of Brother Shanks, and I am sure you will all share the sentiment: Peace to his ashes, and a glorious awakening, and reward to our departed brother in that Supreme Grand Lodge of which the Grand Master is the God we reverence and serve.

As to the Condition of Masonry in Mexico he speaks as follows—

It is also a grateful satisfaction to note the improved political situation of the Mexican people, our friends and hosts, and the encouraging prospect of an early complete restoration of peace and order in this attractive home of our adoption.

With regard to the misunderstanding with Texas he regretfully says—

Owing to the unfortunate circumstances which led to the estrangement between our jurisdiction and our erstwhile good friends of Texas, with whom we would fain cultivate the closest fraternalties because—first, of the many pearls of pleasant and profitable associations of the past; of our neighboring proximity which naturally enhances the value of Masonry to brothers living side by side, speaking and conducting their Masonic work in the same tongue—our English language, and because of the common Masonic traditions which govern and control the brethren of our respective jurisdictions.

The dark side with its shadows has also its bright side, and the Grand Master speaks the following words:

"We are grateful for the fraternal and encouraging support of our brothers to the North who appreciate the difficulties confronting our little body of loyal pioneers, working under the peculiar chaotic conditions prevailing amongst the bodies constituting the so called Masonry of Mexico."

Loyalty to true Symbolic Masonry has impelled us to refrain from affiliation with bodies that we do not feel teach and exemplify the Masonry that we know, and which bodies accept the domination of the rulers of the Scottish Rite, in defiance of what we shall ever regard as the inalienable sovereignty of Grand Lodges of Symbolic Masonry.

We reprint another verse often quoted and very appropriate, but which the writer has found very difficult to locate and to memorize—

"Boys flying kites haul in their white-winged birds;
You can't do that when you're flying words.
Things that we think may sometimes fall back dead,
But God himself can't kill them, once they're said."

The Grand Master has some wise words which are worth reproducing—

You are not to teach your art to anybody as you would to a Brother. A logical deduction of this is that one brother conveyed to the other all he himself knew, even including his trade secrets, and my Brethren, this knowledge which one brother should convey to the other is what I consider MASONIC WAGES. Have we received them? No!

We must give them something else and that something is KNOWLEDGE or mental food. We must make our meetings more interesting by endeavoring to convey of our knowledge to them and let others convey some of their knowledge to us. The Teachings of Masonry must be living spirit, not a dead letter. Let us make them so.

Forty Grand Lodges throughout the world are in fraternal relation with this York Grand Lodge of Mexico. Should not Canada decide definitely upon recognition or non-recognition and not shelve the matter year by year?

The Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence report on Texas as follows—

"We can only hope that time the great leveller will right the wrong done to our Grand Lodge."

That they feel similar problems to those which confront other Jurisdictions will be apparent from the following—

The ever increasing number of Clubs and Societies, having as a pre-requisite for membership, Masonic affiliation. As one writer remarks, "Wrong in its conception, questionable in its activities, and disastrous in its consequences, it may not longer be disregarded; it may not be lightly considered, but must be looked upon with what seriousness the extent of the menace demands." All over our broad land they are coming into being.

They serve as a lure to the lighter minded and frequently become the impulse prompting the type of man to whom that sort of thing appeals to seek membership with us.

The Chairman of the Committee, R.W. Bro. Cecil C. Preston, finds much to comment on and much to quote.

The following are good examples—

"Harmony is the strength and support of all institutions and Masonry especially is dependent thereon for her prosperity and usefulness. Yet that harmony is rapidly being destroyed in the race to commit Masonry to a multitude of things wherein harmony is an impossibility."

"And so we feel and must continue to feel that unless Masonry can see her way clear to cut loose from these offendings, she is bound to lose in prestige and influence; she will be torn by internal dissensions and be flouted by the outside world which now respects her! We appeal to her unmoved by all extraneous influences, to move forward in her great object of making character, and let that character distribute itself and make itself felt for the good of the world through the chosen working tools of the individual Mason."

Ernest P. Herivel, El Oro, M.W. Grand Master.

Charles I. Arnold, City of Mexico, R. W. Grand Secretary

MISSOURI

Bert S. Lee, M.W. Grand Master.

Membership 107,041. Net gain 2,804. Chartered Lodges 659.

The fine forehead, penetrating eye and strong jaw of Grand Master Lee precede his biography, from which we extract the following sentences—

Brother Lee has rendered eminent service and achieved marked distinction in many other lines of activity, being an active leader and worker in the religious and church life of his community.

Never a seeker after political office, he has believed that he could best serve his country and community in other lines of endeavor; the long list of honors which have been given him have been faithfully worn and have only been granted for work which has been zealously performed.

The One Hundred and Third Annual Communication convened in Masonic Temple, Kansas City, October 15th, 1923, and was opened with great ceremonial dignity.

The invocation by the acting Grand Chaplain was—

Bless our nation:—
Our fathers' God, to Thee, author of liberty, to Thee we sing.

Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might, Great, God, our King.

Have us in Thy holy keeping day by day. May Freemasonry in us present to the world patriotism, devotion, charity and righteousness, and not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to Thy name be the glory. Amen.

The Grand Master recorded many activities and lessons of experience. We take the following sentences—

Never in the history of Freemasonry was there greater need than at the present for the exercise of brotherly love, founded upon the fatherhood of God and the fundamentals of our forefathers. The nation is calling for leaders in all activities of life, and Freemasons with the centuries of tradition and example behind them are expected to do their part.

The laying of Corner-stones and Dedications must have occupied many days and nights.

Of the Royal Arch Grand Chapter he speaks as follows—

On October 30th accompanied by a number of Grand Officers and Past Grand Masters, I attended the joint convocation of Royal Arch Masons of the four chapters in Kansas City, the chapter in Independence and witnessed what was considered the greatest capitular event in the history of Freemasonry in the world, the conferring of the Past Master and the Most Excellent Master degree upon a class of more than a thousand Mark Masters.

He emphasises the good work of the Masonic Service Association of the United States and says—

I urge you to carefully consider their report. There is great need for more Light in Freemasonry; and the work of this organization is enabling our Brethren to better understand our Institution and the true meaning of our Fraternity.

Under De Molay he thus speaks—

Our American government will stand or fall in proportion to the ideals of its citizenship. This order takes our young men in that formative period between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one and instills into them in the most impressive manner those ideals of patriotism, filial love, personal purity, reverence for sacred things, fidelity, courtesy and comradeship, those ideals that make for true manhood.

He is very definite in his condemnation of the misuse of the word Masonry and spoke as follows—

This Grand Lodge set its disapproval upon anything in the nature of a business or professional venture that would take advantage of Masonic affiliation to further in any way personal aggrandizement.

I have been compelled a number of times this year to call attention to this action of the Grand Lodge. First in the organization of a hospital association in one of our cities advertised by its promoters as a Masonic-Eastern Star Hospital, where the sale of the stock was confined to the Freemasons and members of the Order of the Eastern Star; again by the issuance of an advertising circular by a clothing firm on which the photographs of the employes, together with the Masonic affiliation was shown, and a number of other similar cases.

Among his decisions we quote the following—

"Question. May an ante-room to the Lodge be used by members for the purpose of playing cards? Answer. No, while card playing in itself may probably be a harmless amusement, I do not think it should be allowed in a Lodge or ante-room, as they have been dedicated and consecrated to better uses.

Here is another of interest under the O. T. A.—

Three members of _____ Lodge No. _____ pleaded guilty or were convicted in court of selling liquor in violation of the state law enacted in pursuance of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes.

Charges of un-Masonic conduct were filed against them in the Lodge, and the question was asked whether or not Section

199 of our by-laws governed as to the punishment to be administered and whether or not the provision of said section, which provides that any Lodge failing to expel a member found guilty of dealing in intoxicating liquor shall have its charter arrested, applied in these cases.

To both questions my answer was "No."

He does not approve of raffles, punch-boards and others games of chance. Hear him—

I find that on account of the conditions arising for the need for money to meet obligations which have occurred on account of the erection of new temples, new halls and in other ways, that many of the Brethren have been led to accept offers made to them by which the money can more easily be raised by means of lotteries of one sort or another.

In every instance where this has been called to my attention, I have instructed the Brethren to discontinue the plan at once, which they have readily done. In some instances the question was raised that the Lodge had nothing to do with the matter as it was being conducted by the Building Committee or Corporation.

I have held that back of all the many activities organized around the Lodge, is the Lodge itself.

The Proceedings are illuminated by interesting photographs.

The opening prayer of the venerable and M.W. P.G.M. Rev. Bro. C. C. Woods on the 2nd day closed with the following invocation—

We beseech Thee, O Lord God, let whatever of darkness and error now rests upon our great land speedily be dissipated by the truth of Thy power, and may Freemasonry humbly and reverently following and co-operating with Thy great church speedily bring about such a reaction in human thought, human desire and human action that the world may be infinitely better than it has been in all the annals of the past.

The Grand Orator, R.W. Bro. Holt delivered an address on the Spirit of Freemasonry, of which the following appealing sentences furnish a fair example—

There is a period of confusion, of chaos, of darkness through which we pass; and there is now brooding over that chaos a spirit of creative energy. The Spirit of Freemasonry, if one may define so intangible a thing, seems to me to be a brotherliness which does not ignore racial tendencies and historical processes, and, therefore, is something more than sentimentality; a helpfulness that seeks to meet men's need rather than men's desire; a hopefulness that faces difficulties

with courage and, when man is in his extremity he turns instinctively to a God who can make things right and order things well.

The Spirit of Freemasonry is, therefore, **brotherliness, helpfulness** and **hopefulness**; and one might, taking these three beautiful flowers, make a wreath and lay it upon the altar of the Masonic Fraternity.

In other words the question I want to fling at every one of you, the question that recurs out of this hopefulness that runs all the way through Masonic ritualism, is this: are you a coward or are you a brave man?

Some of you will recall that that was the question which Carlyle in all his writings would ever fling at men. He said that is the only question every man has to face.

To each man is given a marble to carve for the wall,
A stone that is need to heighten the beauty of all;
And only his soul has the magic to give it the grace,
And only his hands have the cunning to put it in place.
Yes, the task that is given to each man no other can do.
So the plan that is waiting, has waited through ages for you;
And now you approach, and the hushed ones are turning their
gaze
To see what you do with your task in the Chamber of Days.

His address is very long and closely printed and must have taken up the whole afternoon, as perhaps was most proper.

The special Committee on Masonic Clubs, etc. reported as follows—

The growth and multiplicity of organizations that base their membership on Freemasonry are becoming a menace to our Fraternity. It is estimated that there are now fourteen such organizations. These organizations are composed entirely of Master Masons, or of relatives of Master Masons.

A well known Masonic writer said in a recent article: "They pretend to be 'Masonic' by reason of the fact that they permit no one to join them who is not a Master Mason.

It would not be fair to say that these extraneous societies are essentially bad, as all of them claim to be built on Masonic principles and some of them are doing a vast amount of charitable work. But they are diverting the work of Freemasonry into side channels and dividing the Masonic forces. Especially, is this true of those composed of men only. It would appear that we are living in an age of clubs, both Masonic and civic. These clubs are multiplying rapidly and their advent into Freemasonry portend danger, **especially those organized along national lines.**

The Fraternal Correspondence Report forms a larger feature of the Proceedings of Missouri than does the Report of any other Grand Jurisdiction received by us, and being in the experienced hands of M.W. Bro. Rev. C. C. Woods, D.D., the pages glow with light and life.

Of its increase in size and the reason therefor he thus speaks—

The report is somewhat larger than those which have preceded it, but this was a necessity, as the wonderful growth and general development of our Order, in its membership, and growing attainment demanded ever larger space than that which I have occupied. I trust that every Mason present who has a real desire for Masonic light and information will take with him a copy of this report, which he will find full of useful information, from many parts of the Masonic world, as well as from the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States.

And from his introduction we take the following—

During the year, more than a hundred millions are being expended in the erection of Temples, lodges buildings, new Masonic homes, the enlargement of some already in existence, and, in some cases school buildings are being added to the general equipment of these homes, that the children committed to Masonic hands may not only be nurtured and reared, but also educated under Masonic influence.

We trust that this condition may continue, and that none may be admitted except such as are really "worthy and well qualified"; and especially should we emphasize loyalty to our country, and to the institutions for which our fathers fought and died.

We yet protest that Masonry was never intended as a harbor for the unfit, physically or mentally; and to make it such will not only have the effect of crowding our Masonic Homes, but also of changing materially the character of our Order from that originally intended. Freemasonry may bestow its benefactions upon the helpless and unfortunate without admitting such to our membership, and should never fail in this regard.

Of the address of the Grand Master at Fort William and Port Arthur, under Canada he thus kindly speaks—

This is a document of some thirty-five pages, and is a masterpiece. In fact it is the finest "deliverance" which has as yet reached our table during the present year.

Through paragraph after paragraph the interest is maintained and gem after gem shines with a brilliancy which is "catching."

And he reprints in close type several pages commending it to the persual of the Brethren.

Of the Report on Foreign Correspondence by R.W. Bro. Brown he says—

"The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Rt. Wor. Brother Edward B. Brown, and is a good one. There is a "breeziness" about it which reminds one of the "ampler atmosphere" in which he lives, and moves, and has his being."

We should like to accept the dictum that the Order of the Eastern Star "does not claim to be Masonic." An "ordinary club or debating society" would surely not limit its membership to Masons and their female relations. There is, we are persuaded, a connection with Masonry which Dr. Woods, in the innocence of his heart, does not suspect. We find that Craft-rulers in their public expressions are canny about it; but the Masons of the Philippine Islands are more frank (see our review, post). We have not been altogether successful in our prolonged search for something which precisely defines the nature of the relationship of the Eastern Star to Masonry; but we have enough circumstantial evidence to hang or electrocute a "Patron" if belonging to an imitation Masonic Order were capital offense."

From Virginia he takes this nugget of thought—

In his introduction the Grand Master says:

"I will strive to live with love and care
Upon the level and by the square."

This splendid resolve is inscribed on what is believed to be the oldest Masonic jewel in existence, found at Limerick, Ireland. It harks back through the centuries; it still expresses the ambition of every thoughtful, earnest Mason. My experience as your Grand Master convinces me that the spirit of Virginia Masonry is substantially attuned to the beautiful sentiment reflected in the lines of this old inscription, and that we are pressing onward and upward to the realization of the highest ideals of our time-honored Institution. Masonry in Virginia at the present time enjoys the blessings so fervently desired by the Psalmist, when he breathed upon his people and their cherished institution centuries ago this affectionate benediction: "Peace be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces."

We reach out to you the hand of fellowship, M. W. Bro. Woods.

Then follows a roster of the Home family, giving name, age and origin with the Lodge which has sponsored each, a most interesting return and one that will be of use in the future, I hope, in the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario.

The Grand Lodge will next convene in Saint Louis, October 21, 1924.

Joseph S. McIntyre, St. Louis, M.W. Grand Master.

Frank R. Jesse, St. Louis, R.W. Grand Secretary.

MONTANA

Henry C. Smith, M.W. Grand Master.

Membership 18,677. Number of Lodges 142.

Net gain 1001.

The portrait and biography of Grand Master Smith introduced us to many special Communications of the Grand Lodge of Montana.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Communication was held at the Consistory Temple in Helena, August 16th and 17th, 1922.

Canada's Grand Representative did not answer the Roll Call and we must confess that Canada's Representatives throughout the United States' Jurisdictions do not appear very often to grace their respective Grand Lodges with their presence.

Grand Master Ripley of North Dakota was welcomed and honoured and made an excellent address, referring to our own friend and visitor, the Grand Secretary and Past Grand Master, Bro. Stockwell in the following terms—

He is the official talker of the Grand Lodge of the State of North Dakota and we employ him on all occasions of like character. Brother Stockwell has been attending other meetings lately—the Grand Lodge of Ontario and the Grand Commandery in South Dakota last week.

The Grand Master delivered a very earnest address saying among other things—

Thus I entered upon my work with joy and faith, each task proving to be a privilege rather than a duty. My plans have not all been realized, but I have done my best, and as I render an account of my stewardship it is for you, my Brethren, to judge how I have kept the trust.

Bishop Whatley has very aptly said, "No man ever realizes his ideal, but woe to the man who has no ideal to realize."

If we are true and faithful to its ideals, there is no phase of manhood that is not helped and broadened by Masonry. Our storehouse is full and the abundance of good things are ours to claim and enjoy. The welcome of the hospitable people of Helena, the enjoyment of the good things they provide for our pleasure and the success of the deliberations of this Grand Body are purely psychological. It is all in the attitude of our own minds just what we make of this occasion.

It is certain that we shall get out of this meeting in proportion to what we put into it. Let each member feel his individual responsibility for the success of this session and aim to make this the best Grand Lodge Communication we have ever had. Let us set a high standard and "Press toward the mark."

Our nation is faced with menace from within and from without. False lights are flaring as dangerous beacons in foreign lands, misleading people who are lost in darkness and trying to find the light. These same false beacons are blurring the vision of people in our own fair land. Shall we recognize and combat this menace, or shall we wait until it has entirely obliterated the vision of one-hundred-forty-years ago?

The strikes that have brought, not only national discomfort, but the partial crippling of essential industries; are other phases of these ominous symptoms which are a cause for deep concern, though not utter dismay. They should serve as a challenge to our best citizenship and strike courage into the hearts of those who believe in our government and its principles and have the backbone to uphold its free institutions.

The Grand Master pays feeling tribute to those who though lost to sight are to memory dear.

He records a great deal of business done, approves of the Order of De Molay, chronicles many Cornerstones laid, comments on the good work of the Masonic Home, has fraternalized with many sister Grand Jurisdictions, praises the Masonic Service Association, has interviewed new members of the Craft, given many decisions and concludes as follows—

My work represents many hours of labor, many Pullman nights and weary days of travel; I have traveled 12,000 miles by rail and 170 miles by stage. On the other hand, it represents

many delightful meetings, pleasant associations, wonderful drives over nature's beauty spots, and friendships made that will make all my succeeding days brighter and better.

To all, who, by their confidence and good will, have given me this wonderful opportunity to serve in a work which is so near my heart, and have helped to make possible whatever measure of success that may have been achieved through my efforts, I am deeply grateful.

The address of Past Grand Master Dr. William F. Kuhn who was presented as an honoured guest, is full of imagery and historical and literary allusions, and from the conclusion we quote the following—

Brethren, if you and I lay so much stress on ritualism and ceremonials, the Bible is lost to us. But I am not a pessimist. I believe what these men say is true; that men are studying the Bible more than ever. The number of young men in the Bible classes of our churches are greater than ever. Men are more sincere. With this army of sincere men why should not Freemasonry go on to her glorious triumph and to a glorious future?

It matters not what your creed, your religion may be. You profess faith in the one living and true God and all that it implies; that all men are brothers; that God is our Father. That is what Freemasonry means.

And let me close with this, Brethren:

"God is my Father
Man is my Brother;
The earth is my Mother
Life is a mission, not a career;;
Knighthood is service;
Her scepter is gladness;;
Giving is living;
Saving is dying;
Life is eternal and Love is its essence."

The Committees made full and adequate Reports.

The veterans of Grand Lodge were duly honoured.

The returns of all the constituent Lodges are given in full in the Proceedings.

R. W. Bro. George Naylor of Ingersoll is the Representative of Montana with us, and Joseph A. Hyde of Seattle is our Representative in Montana.

The Correspondence Report is carefully and interestingly prepared by M. W. Bro. H. S. Hepner, P.G.M. who officiates for the fourteenth consecutive year.

He gives Canada a very kindly report but quotes our Grand Master's name in 1921 as "H. McKenzie" under which cognomen we do not recognize our genial P.G.M. He quotes under Canada the following—

Nations must first learn the stern lesson of toleration and then as a second lesson just as important, that of sympathy. By these means, and these alone, peoples of different languages and creeds can work together for common ends. There can be, and there should be, contact without controversy. We have happily emerged from these conflicts. We must expect, for such is the common lot, to find ourselves face to face with other problems. We will apply to their solution the same undaunted spirit, the same love of right—even in the face of our great accomplishments, there must be no arrogance, faltering or narrowness.

"A thousand years scarce serve to form a state,
An hour may lay it in the dust."

And gives copious and worthy extracts from the Report of R.W. Bro. E. B. Brown, to whom he gives unstinted and well merited praise.

Our fellow reviewer's *Finis* is eminently worth while and from it we quote a few sentences of greeting—

We miss many familiar names of those to whom we became attached since we begun writing the reviews; each year seems to take toll of men of virility, scholarship and leadership in the army enlisted in the cause of Masonry, and particularly do we miss Grand Secretaries and Correspondence writers, as the working tools of their lives fall from their nerveless grasp and they join the goodly throng in the Heavenly abode.

Grand Lodges are now devising ways and means of delaying the journey at least long enough so that the novice masters the three R.'s of Masonry's legendary lore, philosophy and idealism before he shall be entitled to bask in the pleasure of the oasis he seeks to reach.

Solicitations to "join" these so-called "higher bodies" are "enjoined" for a definite period of time after attainment of the degree of Master Mason.

As heretofore, we do not apologize for the liberal use of the shears; we find that exact quotation is better than attempted translation, and so whenever we found a choice morsel of thought we "dished" it up to our brethren in its original form, believing that our brethren would prefer it in that shape.

With many regards to our brother-reviewers, and much fraternal love for the brethren of our Jurisdiction these reviews are

Lovingly and fraternally submitted.

Claude J. McAllister, Helena, M.W. Grand Master.

Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Helena, R.W. Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA

The sixty-sixth annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska was held in Omaha on Tuesday, June 5th, 1923. Owing to the death of the Grand Master, Edward McKenzie Wellman, on August 31st, 1922, Grand Lodge was opened in due form by Robert R. Dickson, Grand Senior Warden. A Memorial Service was held for the late Grand Master, whose station in Grand Lodge was marked with flowers. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, pronounced a suitable eulogy, a Committee was appointed to lay flowers upon the grave of Grand Master Wellman, and Grand Lodge was "Called from labour to refreshment" until 2 o'clock in the afternoon out of respect to the departed brother.

Deputy and Acting Grand Master, Charles A. Chappell, in his opening remarks, referred to the death of the Grand Master, by saying—

"Brother Wellman was noble and worthy. He was in reality a Master Mason and busy in the discharge of his responsibilities as such. He was Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska in fact as well as in name, and although he had just started upon the work of his office it was in such manner that we were all assured his administration would be successful in every respect and would bring honor to the Craft and to himself. As we see it from our human viewpoint, his death was indeed untimely, and we know his brethren mourn. He was taken at a time when he was needed greatly, and his loss has been and will be felt in many ways. No one has felt this loss more than the one who now addresses you, and in the discharge of the responsibilities which have come because of his death it has been my earnest desire, insofar as possible, to be governed by what I understood to be his plans, and at all times to discharge the duties of the office faithfully and fearlessly. As Masons we are taught to reverence and serve God, and as Masons we endeavour to be true to this teachings, and we submit to the will of the divine in the calling of our Grand Master Wellman to his reward."

The address presented by the Acting Grand Master showed depth of vision and forethought in its preparation. Referring to the Board of Masonic Annuities and gifts he said—

"This board has from its inception given most careful and earnest consideration to the formation of a plan under which the work to be undertaken can be successfully advanced year after year, and it is to be hoped that within a few months progress will be made so that gifts may be received. There is an almost unlimited field for the accomplishment of good through the work to be done by this board. Many of our members will undoubtedly be pleased to have the benefits of this board as soon as its working is understood. It is reasonable to believe that a large amount of money in days gone by would readily have been bequeathed and otherwise given to the Grand Lodge had brethren of the Craft been apprized of the nature of the various charitable activities of the Grand Lodge and if facilities had been offered through which their money could have been turned to this work under the general annuity plan. This general plan is not a mere experiment, for experience in other activities has demonstrated its practicability, and I feel that our Grand Lodge will desire not only to render every possible assistance to the board in the formation of its plans and in starting the work, but also in assisting to carry to the brethren of the Craft ample information concerning this field of labor, and I bespeak for the brethren who have so faithfully served the Grand Lodge in working out the details necessary to the establishment of this work that the Grand Lodge do everything within its power to set the board in immediate operation throughout the Grand Jurisdiction. When the work is undertaken, there would undoubtedly be advisability in having at least one brother in every community well informed upon this important subject so the brethren of the Craft may all have knowledge of the need and of the opportunity for service."

As to the promulgation of the work throughout the Jurisdiction by the Grand Custodian and his assistants he declared, it might be likened unto a large and beautiful tree, its branches having grown in symmetry and in strength until they cover the entire Grand Jurisdiction, and through the foliage which protects the Craft and gives shelter to the letter of the work, we find not only the buds ready to open but also the full blossom and ripening fruit. Here and there and all over the Grand Jurisdiction we find the faithful brethren who have availed themselves of the privilege and of the opportunity to prove their worthiness and to obtain a Certificate of Proficiency. And not only have the individual brethren attained this standard, but many lodges likewise have been privileged to receive Certificates of Proficiency.

The successful operation of the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, the Acting Grand Master said,

had continued without interruption, and a careful inspection of the Home would show the successful and fraternal manner in which it had at all times been operated. The same also could be said of the Children's Home at Fremont.

Among the opportunities, declared the Acting Grand Master, for service presented and responsibilities placed upon Masonry is that of helping to overcome the apparent disregard for law and constituted authority, which seem so evident in many places. It is often said that we are living in an age of unrest and of discontent, and we frequently hear the statement made that there has been a breaking down of respect for law and for order. Masonry teaches obedience to law and fealty to principles of true government, and the brethren of the Craft are presented with an opportunity for real service, not only in a proper obedience of law and order individually, but also in the right use of their influence with others.

The Grand Secretary in his report showed on March 31st, 1923, that the membership of the Jurisdiction was 38,642, with some 286 Lodges. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported against the Grand Lodge of Ecuador being recognised.

In his review of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada, John A. Ehrhardt refers in a kindly manner to the address of Grand Master Ponton, delivered by him in Fort William in 1922.

Charles A. Chappell, Grand Master.

Francis E. White, Grand Secretary.

H. T. S.

NEVADA

The fifty-ninth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Nevada was held at Reno, on Wednesday, June 13th, 1923, with Edward C. Peterson, Grand Master presiding. Roses plenty, fresh and sweet, from the gardens of M. A. Robison, for decorative purposes, were presented to the Grand Lodge and thanks were accorded therefor.

There were, as shown by the report of the Credential Committee, 34 Chartered Lodges, of which 22 were represented with 118 delegates in attendance.

The total membership of the Jurisdiction, on April 15th, 1923, was 2,521.

The Grand Master in his opening remarks said—

“With the increased numbers that have gathered to the fold of Masonry, we are certain that our standard of good citizenship has kept pace with the growth of the Craft, and the Government of the land can feel assured that the thousands who have become Masons stand firmly for the principles of a Government of the people, by the people and for the people.”

The Angel of Death made his presence known in the Grand Lodge family during the year by the death of two Past Grand Masters, and one Grand Steward. There was a number of requests to have degrees conferred by courtesy received, and which requests were acted upon.

Every Lodge in the Jurisdiction, save one, had been visited by the Grand Master, and to do this he had travelled 2,400 miles. Many of the Lodges he found had been bothered with begging circulars, a sample of which he presented for the attention of Grand Lodge. These letters, he declared were in many instances a form of graft, and the reading of them in the Lodges was prohibited.

As to the George Washington National Memorial, he deemed it a worthy cause, and he had tried to impress upon the brethren to take an active interest in its cause and put Nevada “over the top” by contributing one dollar each.

While paying his visits to the various Lodges the Grand Master had brought to the attention of the brethren the Masonic Service Association, the good the members can derive from the use of the lectures and short talks which are issued by the Association and sent to the Lodges. He hoped all the Lodges would take advantage of the opportunity to learn more about Masonry and the live topics of the day. He spoke of the progress being made in the Lodges adopting the Standard Work, and that with few exceptions the officers were giving a very fair example of the work authorized. He was of the opinion that the best results could be obtained if the Master of Instruction was empowered to appoint deputies in various parts of the State. Attention of the various

Lodges visited was called to the benefit to be derived from the reading of the annual proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

A letter to the Worshipful Masters had been sent asking them to devote, at least, one evening to the public schools during Educational Week. While journeying through the State the Grand Master had assured himself that Nevada was well provided with fine school buildings. He strongly condemned the growing number of side issue organizations calling themselves Masonic, and regretted that many men were seeking Masonry for apparently no other reason than to step into the so called higher degrees. He recommended that the Grand Lodge re-enact the law that requires the candidate to receive the Entered Apprentice degree in the Lodge in which he was elected to receive the degrees.

As to the Order of the De Molay, which is organized for the purpose of bringing the sons of Master Masons and their chums over the critical period in a boy's life, the Grand Master had a good word to say. He was sure that those who had witnessed the exemplification of the beautiful ritualistic work of the Order had been impressed with it.

The Grand Master concluded an able address by saying—

"I cannot refrain from expressing myself, that Masonic Lodges should make a firm stand for the enforcement of the law of the land, and if any within our ranks have so far forgotten themselves as to break any of our laws, they should be severely dealt with. The sooner we are rid of such Masons, the better. Masons should ever remember a part of the Charge delivered to them while taking the first degree: "In the State you are to be a quiet and peaceable citizen, true to your Government and just to your Country."

The Grand Secretary in his report stated—

"As was to be expected, there has been a slackening of the unparalleled activity which marked the two previous years, but with less to do in the way of degree work, more time has been given to the study side. The Brethren have been busy discovering anew the fundamental truths so essential to progress and whose deep foundations lie in veneration and the Craftsmen's love."

R.W. Bro. Frank Bell, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada was in attendance. Instead of calling on one Representative to respond to the words of greeting the Grand Master called upon several brethren who delivered most interesting remarks.

Bro. Andrew L. Haight delivered "The Year's Oration" which was entitled "Masonic Leadership." He concluded an able exposition with these words—

"As a general marches at the head of his troops, so ought Masons to march at the head of affairs, insomuch that they ought not to wait the event to know what measure to take, but the measure which they have taken ought to produce the event."

Fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Ecuador, but was withheld for the present from the Argentine Grand Orient, the Grand Lodge of Guatemala, the Grand Lodge National of Columbia, and the National Grand Lodge of Italy.

Bro. M.G. Olympia, Past Master of Bagno Lodge, No. 67 of Mountain Province and Acting Master of Kalilayon Lodge, No. 37, of Lucena, Philippine Islands, who was present as a visitor in an interesting address said—

"It is wonderful how Masonry has sprung up and propagated throughout the Islands in such a short time since the American occupation. Now there are more than five thousand Masons in the Philippines, and the number is increasing amazingly every year. It is needless for me to speak about the activities and good humanitarian work done by Masonry in the Islands, for they are characteristic of the Craft in every country and clime, but I would say that the good will and better understanding between your people and my people at present is due for the most part to Masonry."

Edward D. Vanderlieth, who is styled Grand Commissioner of Review, in speaking of Canada in his comments says,—“M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton is a Craftsman loved at home and abroad for his zealous activities for the Brotherhood of Man,” and he quotes freely from M.W. Bro. Ponton’s address delivered in Fort William and Port Arthur in July 1922. He concludes his general report with these words—

“The very center of Masonic philosophy is God. A growing service in His name is evident, but, Craftsmen, there is need

of a nobler conception of human relationship, a finer vision of human brotherhood. Masonry teaches that every human heart is human, and the 'high inbrothering of men' is its aim. The Fatherhood of God is a fixity and on its rests the hope of a universal family, a world where all men rank as brothers, children of One Father, where—"

'Far as the bright arch of heaven extends,
'The world of men shall be as a world of friends.'

"Service of this character is Masonry's need, and now is the time for its ministrations. Brethren, come, lend a hand for the Brotherhood of Man:

"Our Father! Thy dear Name doth show
The greatness of Thy love,
All are Thy children here below
As in Thy heaven above.
One family on earth are we
Throughout its widest span:
O help us everywhere to see
The Brotherhood of Man."

Silas E. Ross, Grand Master.

Edward D. Vanderlieth, Grand Secretary.

H. T. S.

NEW BRUNSWICK

41 Lodges

5374 Members

The 55th Annual Communication was held at St. John on August 24th, 1922, M.W. Bro. Jas. D. B. F. MacKenzie, presiding. During his two terms in office he had visited every lodge in the jurisdiction. He noted the persistent request or demand from the lodges for more instruction and he strongly recommended, with a fervent desire to see it carried through, that Grand Lodge appoint one officer—Grand Instructor or Grand Lecturer—who would devote at least 3 or 6 months each year to instruction. The Committee on the Grand Master's address approved of the suggestion and recommended that the Board of General Purposes take the matter up promptly and give it their earnest consideration.

It was recommended by the Board of General Purposes and approved, that the following provision be printed as a headnote to the Funeral Service:

"If a request be made on behalf of a deceased member that the Masonic Funeral Service be said at his grave, the Master may, in his discretion, summon and open his Lodge and direct that the Brethren proceed in conveyances to the place of interment, there resume regalia and form about the grave. On conclusion of the service return will be made to the Lodge Room and the Lodge will be closed."

The above provision permits the Master in his discretion, to dispense with a public procession and to carry out a less formal ceremony in certain cases where it may be expedient to do so.

R. W. Bro. J. Twining Hartt was congratulated on the completion of twenty-five years of tenure of office as Grand Secretary, and was presented with an address and a purse of gold, the gift of the private lodges.

There is no report on Fraternal Correspondence.

T. S.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Walter G. Africa, M.W. Grand Master.

Membership 14,505. Increase 319.

The Semi-annual Communication was held in Manchester on December 27th, 1922, and even at this business meeting eight Past Grand Masters were present. Much ground was cleared for action thus relieving the Annual Communication—the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth, which was held in Concord, May 16th, 1923, with a goodly attendance of Grand Officers and members.

Canada was represented by R.W. Bro. Ira A. Chase.

From the introduction of the Grand Master's address we take the following—

Men from all walks of life have sought admission into the quiet and peace of our Fraternity. The influence of our teachings upon the minds of nearly three million members in this country must have had an unquestioned stabilizing effect upon the thought and actions of others in our country, especially during the past few years when the clouds seemed to envelop the whole world.

His address is illustrated by four full page portraits of Past Grand Officers who have passed away during the year, to whom he pays tribute.

The writer has been kindly put upon the mailing list of the N. H. Masonic Bulletin which is an appreciated visitor, and to this excellent paper the G.M. thus refers—

The official organ of the brethren throughout the state, The Masonic Bulletin, is increasing its circulation rapidly and growing in popularity. The Editor will be pleased to publish interesting news items relative to the fraternity. The Bulletin is worthy of your support.

The Grand Lodge of Kansas declared that Fraternal relations with New Hampshire had been severed. The reason is given by the Grand Master as follows—

The occasion for this, so far as your Grand Master has knowledge, originated in the refusal of one of our Lodges to examine one seeking admission as a visitor, who had no Master Mason's diploma, but claiming to be a member of a Lodge in Kansas, a constituent of the Grand Lodge of Kansas. Lacking the diploma, the official receipt, as issued by Kansas Lodges and supplied for the purpose of uniformity by the Grand Lodge of Kansas, was exhibited, the committee of examiners, in our Lodge, declining to accept the same in lieu of a diploma and thereafter to conduct the customary examination of the would-be-visitor.

The writer cannot agree with the Grand Master in his contention that New Hampshire was justified. He tries to uphold his position in the following words which did not appeal to us in Canada as being too cast-iron, strait jacket and exclusive—

In taking this step it would seem that it must be held in Kansas that Masonic visitation is a Masonic right. This position is denied in New Hampshire, where it is held that visitation is not a Masonic right but instead a fraternal courtesy, if permitted. So far do we go in our jurisdiction, in this respect, that a member of a Lodge has the unquestioned and determined right to object to the presence of a visitor, in the Lodge of which he is a member, and the objection once having been expressed to the Master of the Lodge there is no recourse—the visitor may not sit in the Lodge.

“In all plainness of speech, their action is a dictation to us, as to what we must do, or must not do, if we desire to retain their hitherto very friendly and Masonic relationship.

As we see it, the position taken by the Grand Lodge of Kansas is untenable. Our sovereignty has been attacked, but not disturbed."

In conclusion the Grand Master gives this worthy praise to Grand Secretary Cheney—

In the written word on Foreign Correspondence or in the spoken word, Grand Secretary Cheney is always instructive, eloquent and inspiring. The Craft, not only of New Hampshire but of the whole country, owes much to him.

The Reports of the D.D.G.M.'s at length follow—

The George Washington Memorial has a special interest for New Hampshire, the Granite from the great quarry in that State to the value of over a quarter of a million dollars being used in its construction.

The Representative of New Hampshire near the Grand Lodge of Canada is R.W. Bro. John A. Cowan.

The Fraternal Correspondence Report of the Grand Secretary, Harry M. Cheney, is a delight, full of electric and productive vitality. His introduction gives us a taste of his mettle—

The report which follows is number seventeen of my preparation for you—as many successive years in which I have endeavored to give to you facts and impressions, gained through the reading of the printed proceedings of other Grand Lodges with which we have exchanged recognition, and to which our right hand of fraternal fellowship has been extended and accepted.

But with it all there is glorious recompense, in the uplift and in the greater vision that ever follows the annual undertaking.

Some of the sweetest intimacies of my life have come of this long continued service.

Its reading will be harmless. I hope that its reading will be found worth while.

He gets a valuable experience from Alberta—

A questionnaire, digging deep into one's life, to be executed by a petitioner and made the permanent record in a Lodge, was adopted. There is nothing in it to which we would take exceptions. When the questions are all answered real information has been secured.

The Correspondence is of splendid quality.

California furnishes him with this suggestion—

During the year the Grand Master preached the doctrine of more Lodges and less members. One result, at least, was the issuance by him of his dispensation creating twenty-six new Lodges, with others under way. Evidently there was good ground for this seed.

No greater or more cordially appreciated praise has been given us in Ontario by any Grand Jurisdiction than is graciously and generously accorded us by M.W. Bro. Henry M. Cheney. We modestly blush as we reproduce the following paragraphs from his review—

We have read the address here found, charmed with its every page, at the end finding it to have been written by M.W. Brother Ponton, whose visit to New Hampshire, in May, 1922, to attend our Grand Chapter convocation, made the event memorable by his appealing talk. Having met and heard him, we appreciate all the more the great strength and great dignity of his paper.

They gained 6,500 members—great even in Ontario.

The reports of the D.D.G.M.'s cover almost 200 pages—nothing of moment is omitted. Conditions everywhere are revealed.

The Board of Benevolence spent \$99,920—not a cent of it for land or buildings, but all of it for charity. That alone tells you what kind of Masons they are in Ontario. We say there are none greater, anywhere.

The Correspondence is a good deal over 200 pages in length. Every page of it is stout. Brother Brown is not only a good writer, but is graced with the virtue of wisdom in his form of presentation.

"We say goodbye to Ontario for a year. We have gained an insight into their ways and have received inspiration. They are most wonderful men and Masons in that Province."

The District of Columbia gives food for thought and approbation—

Rightly did the Grand Master defend the dignity of his Grand Lodge, in the matter of the Peary Memorial. They had been asked to dedicate it, the orator had been selected, and afterwards they were told that they could have only fifteen minutes for the whole ceremony. Limitations, dictation, whatever you may term it, of that type, are not a part of the work of the craft.

In their Correspondent, M.W. Brother Baird, they have one who is not afraid of his own shadow or of the other

fellow's fist. It is vigorous stuff and stiffens the backbone of the one who reads it.

In speaking of the great meeting held in *England* to invest H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Senior Grand Warden, our reviewer says—

It was called, primarily, to invest H.R.H. The Prince of Wales as Senior Grand Warden.

Everything in the way of ceremony was used to magnify the great event, including a message of devotion and loyalty to the King and the reception of one from His Majesty, couched in appreciative terms.

Thus was held a wonderful Masonic meeting. It is not in the power of an American to picture it, in all its meaning. To an Englishman it was a day when another height was reached.

Manitoba has attracted him as it has others—

A paragraph on patriotism, synonymous with Freemasonry, appears in the address. Every word of it lifts up.

A fine coincidence of succession of the heritage of honor is recorded under Pennsylvania—

A paragraph reads like this: "Brother Walter G. Africa, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in New Hampshire and a son of our late Brother J. Simpson Africa, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, was pleased to visit the Grand Lodge and was received with the customary honors." This is a very modest statement of fact. But there is much less of modesty, on the part of our beloved Grand Master, as he tells, frequently, the story of this visit and the mass of courtesies that were extended to him. How proud his good father would have been could he have seen it all—a son, going out into the world and coming back home as a Grand Master of another state.

The Masonic Home of New Hampshire will have to extend its bounds. The Committee make this report—

Suffice it to say that the Home is in good condition financially and otherwise.

The greatest need at present is more room, as applications for admission exceed the number which can be accommodated.

Frederic E. Everett, Elkins, M.W. Grand Master.

Harry M. Cheney, Concord, R.W. Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY

Arthur Potterton, M.W. Grand Master.

Membership 73,854, Net gain 5,038.

New Jersey certainly holds the record for Emergent Communications, all of which are included in the Proceedings and indicate great activity.

The 136th Annual Communication was held at Trenton, N. J., April 18th and 19th, 1923, with a large attendance of Grand Officers and 235 Lodges represented out of a total of 236, a splendid roster of duty.

Among the Lodges we note that of Belleville No. 108 so that the Bay of Quinte District is doubly linked up in nomenclature with our friends in New Jersey.

The following opening ode was sung by the brethren—

This is the Day of light,
Let there be light to-day;
O Dayspring, rise upon our night,
And chase its gloom away.

This is the day of peace;
Thy peace our spirits fill;;
Bid Thou the blasts of discord cease,
The waves of strife be still.

Sing to our God, our Might,
With holy fevor sing;
Let hearts and instruments unite
To praise our heavenly King.

Distinguished visitors from the Grand Lodge of Delaware were welcomed and accorded the grand honours.

The Grand Master's address announced the constitution of 14 new Lodges and his list of visits paid covers five closely printed pages, indicating unflagging zeal.

With regard to physical defetes he says—

During the year just closing I have been asked to pass on 214 cases of visible physical defects, of which I waived 197 and refused only 17.

The number of physical defects reported represented only about three per cent. of the total number of petitioners.

With regard to Bylaws he and the Grand Lodge Committee had formulated a set of model Bylaws to be a guide to the Craft for the future, and it is a model of brevity and concentration.

With regard to Foreign relations and speaking of members visiting subordinate German Lodges, he passed this edict—

Now, therefore, I, Arthur Potterton, M.W. Grand Master of Masons for the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as such, do hereby prohibit visits from members of Lodges under the Obedience of the German Grand Lodges aforesaid, until fraternal relations are officially resumed by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey with the several Grand Lodges enumerated.

That the visitation of Lodges in Germany by members of the Obedience of New Jersey is also interdicted.

That until the German Grand Lodges, or any one of them, shall officially request the Grand Lodge of New Jersey to accord them or its recognition, and agree to an exchange of representatives, and the Grand Lodge of New Jersey has acted thereon in Annual Communication, the interdict of non-intercourse must continue.

As to further recognitions he says—

Feeling that with the recognition of each additional Grand Jurisdiction we are tending to make a reality of our profession of "Universality," I trust you will accord favorable consideration to such Foreign Jurisdictions as shall be approved by your Committee on Foreign Correspondence in their report to this Grand Lodge.

"The fact remains that the individual Mason is always the really important Masonic entity, he who has assumed obligations which, alone, make him a Mason, and who has thereby covenanted in friendship with every other Mason on earth."

Probably his greatest emphasis is laid upon Lodge Finances, Charity and Refreshments. Let us all take heed!

He asked under his own hand and seal for information from the Lodges and his comments are so wise and so vigorous that we reprint them by way both of warning, precept and example—

(a) It is apparent that many Secretaries and Treasurers either are not sufficiently interested in their duties to attend to them properly, or else they are not competent. In either event the result to the Lodge is identical. Fortunately, a larger number are efficient and painstaking officers.

(b) The annual reports' of the officers of the Lodges lack uniformity and in a great number of instances are incomplete.

(c) The annual reports of the Secretary, Treasurer and Trustees are not always made a part of the minutes of the communication at which they are received.

(d) Most Lodges are "speculating" on their initiates, in that their annual expenses are largely in excess of the amount received for dues.

(e) A much larger amount of money is expended for non-essentials than is justified.

To correct these conditions I would:

(a) Strongly urge the Lodge to exercise more care in the selection of the officers who are to have charge of their finances, making their fitness for the office a necessary qualification.

(b) I recommend that every Lodge adopt the budget system of controlling its finances; the budget to include, in addition to the regular carrying charges, items for charity, entertainment and incidentals, and when the amount of the budget shall have been determined, that the dues of the members be adjusted to make the Lodges self-supporting.

Is Masonry to decline to a mere source for supplying these demands? Can nothing be done to impress our Brethren that the funds of a Lodge, beyond paying necessary expenses, are a sacred trust, and to be expended only in the way called for by our tenets and teaching?

During the past year almost \$150,000 was expended by our Lodges for entertainment and refreshment, while only about one-third of that amount was expended for Charity."

It is my belief that this is wrong—a wrong that will soon work incalculable injury to our Fraternity. With a showing like that what chance have we to attract to our ranks the solid serious and charitable men we so seriously need, and who alone can keep our Fraternity on the high level it has occupied in the past.

To have reached the high place that Masonry has attained in the respect of the world—even among our enemies—is one thing, but to keep that place is quite another thing. The first was the work of many generations of earnest men who saw in Masonry only an enlarged opportunity for doing good in the world; the second is for the present in our hands, and no greater responsibility can ever come to us.

I am one—and there are many more—who believe such a condition to be a Masonic disgrace.

I am as well aware as one could be that hitherto our Lodges have had full power to use their funds in any way

they liked, but if they are risking the high standard of their Masonic teaching and thereby lowering the reputation of our fraternity, is it not a matter that concerns this Grand Lodge?

I believe it is and I, therefore, recommend that no Lodge be permitted to use a larger proportion of its yearly income for entertainment and refreshment, than it does for Charity.

The adoption of this recommendation would have the double effect of increasing the amount devoted to Charity and of reducing the amount selfishly expended on ourselves.

With regard to Life Membership he says—

I, therefore, recommend that the Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction be permitted to charge life membership dues, by the payment in advance of a sum which shall not be less than the equivalent of ten years' dues.

He has exercised a wise supervision over the Masonic Home and he reports upon the generally satisfactory condition which exists and recommends the following progressive step—

The second and equally important matter is the subject of our Boys' Dormitory. In addition to the fact that the building now used as a Boys' Dormitory is structurally unfitted for such a purpose, there has been no time during the past year when we could accommodate all the boys for whom the Lodges made application for admission, resulting in our having had a waiting list all of that time.

The Masonic Service Association finds good scope for work in New Jersey and the Grand Master recommends—

I, therefore, recommend not only that our Grand Jurisdiction continue its membership in the Masonic Service Association of the United States, but I also recommend that this Grand Lodge appropriate the sum of \$12,000 to cover the necessary expenses for the coming Grand Lodge year.

With regard to the enforcement of penalties and of discipline he says—

A situation has recently developed of a Committee having found a brother guilty of un-Masonic conduct, the Lodge refused to impose any penalty whatever. I, therefore, recommend that where a brother is convicted in a Court of Law of an offense involving moral turpitude, that he should by that token be automatically and indefinitely suspended.

After the address of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Townsend Scudder, P.G.M. of New York, was presented and accorded grand honors.

The Grand Master of Delaware made an able address from which we clip the following—

There is also a decided tendency, to my mind at least, of the Blue Lodge being used just as a stepping stone for aspirations which go beyond the Blue Lodge. To my mind that is entirely wrong. We are Masons first, last and all the time. If our desire takes us beyond that I have no objection to it; but first of all we must remember we are Masons and affiliated with our Blue Lodge. The rest may follow. But never should it be used as an aspiration to pass on to the so-called higher degrees. In my estimation, were it known that such is the aspiration of anyone who petitions the Blue Lodge, he should never become a member of a Blue Lodge.

But the feature of the whole meeting was the address of M.W. Bro. Townsend Scudder who came for a definite purpose and with a mission which he fulfilled, his address being reported and printed in full and covering twelve close pages. His purpose is well indicated in his opening remarks—

I picked up the little leaflet that you have here, the program of your opening exercises, and in your exhortation this morning you sang, addressing the Supreme Being,

“Bid Thou the blasts of discord cease,
The waves of strife be still.”

What are we Masons doing to help further that expression? We ask God to bid it; what are we doing to further it? That is the problem that I am invited to discuss with you to-day.

And then we turn again to the installation ode, that shortly you will sing, and what do we there read, again illustrative of the aspiration given expression in our song, but which we do not give a full practical expression in action, as we feel we should. Harken while I read:

“Spirit of truth and love,
Descending from above,
Our hearts inflame,
Till Masonry’s control,
Shall build from pole to pole,
A temple of the soul,
To Thy great name.”

What he stresses throughout is the potentiality of the International Masonic Association formed at Geneva, at which he was present. He says—

Its mission and its purpose.—The mission and purpose of this association being to afford the leaders of the fraternity of every jurisdiction an opportunity to meet every now and then around the council table and there discuss questions

germane to the well-being and welfare of the fraternity, in the hope that by this contact, this association, little by little we may be able to find means of co-operation, and in the hour of emergency speaking or giving utterance to the Masonic will in voice which would be heeded.

And what is the aspiration of this hour? Just the promotion of the principle of man's brotherhood and that that which challenges the duty of man to man shall not be permitted to prevail.

And he concludes with this admonition of "something attempted, something done"—

Love can dispel the danger of war. Confidence is what is needed. Can we do something to contribute to the confidence that men of different nations should have one for another? If the fraternity can do that, then we are remiss in our duty if we do not do it. And this little agency of Grand Lodges, started in Geneva, it seems to me is a means whereby something toward this wonderful end can be accomplished.

And now I hope the Grand Lodge of New Jersey may deem it worth while to contribute its mite to our aspiration; a speculation it is, perhaps, but an investment, which God will never reproach you for. If it succeeds, great will be the glory and the satisfaction in a work well done. Should it fail, well, we have tried, and God blesses those who try. (Applause.)

Grand Lodge conducted a dignified and solemn service in memory of R.W. Bro. Henry S. Haines, equally well known to Royal Arch Masons, and for many years the centre and strength of New Jersey Craftsmanship. His virtues were summed up as follows. His memory will live as long as life lasts among those who, like the writer of this Review, learned through many visits to New Jersey to revere and love him—

Who knew him best loved him most. He lives in the affection of all who knew the overwhelming kindness of his heart and the true nobility of his mind. He lives in the example his life gives to others who are striving, even as he strove, in the path of duty and right. He lives in the record he made as an upright man and a Mason, a steadfast, devoted friend, a wise counsellor, and so long as our eyes can read and our tongues can speak his record will endure.

“And now he rests; his greatness and his sweetness
 No more shall be at strife;
 And Death has moulded into calm completeness
 The statue of his life;
 And round his grave are quietude and beauty
 And the sweet heaven above,
 The fitting symbols of a life of duty
 Transfigured into love.”

The Fraternal Correspondence is in the hands of R.W. Bro. Robert A. Shirrefs, Deputy Grand Secretary, who covers fully yet briefly many Jurisdictions.

From Alberta he culls and comments as follows—

Among the communications received by Grand Lodge was one from the "Supreme Guardian of the Supreme Council of Job's Daughters," asking for the name of some one to promote their numbers in Alberta. It was filed unanswered as if received by Job's Comforters.

With a sly dig at Illinois, whose Legislature passed last June a resolution abolishing the English language and substituting the American language, he says under British Columbia—

Then quoting the Illinois Grand Master, "We live in America, and all Masons, whether born here or abroad, should be full Americans and speak the American language," adds "Deus avertat."

Under Canada referring to the address of the Grand Master and our Annual Proceedings he generously says—

Aside from its literary merit it indicated the wonderful prosperity of the Canadian Craft, as shown by the consecration of sixteen lodges, eleven dedicated and twenty-five erected under dispensation. He had made eighty official visits and the suggestions offered arising from the experiences of the year were of the convincingly pertinent type. He enumerated sixteen topics of moment, all appropriate to the local administration of the affairs of the lodges, but reserved for the presentation of a vital subject his most forcible appeal.

It was that steps be taken to establish a Masonic Home, Hospital and School.

And of R.W. Bro. E. B. Brown he adds—

Brother Brown's additional service is found in his excellent report on Correspondence in which New Jersey, 1921, is given his fraternal attention and its reviewer a hint as to his playfulness.

New Jersey always crowns its good work with hospitality.

Frank C. Sayers, Trenton, M.W. Grand Master.

Isaac Cherry, Trenton, R.W. Grand Secretary.

NEW MEXICO

The forty-fifth annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico was held in the City of Albuquerque, on Monday, February 19th, 1923, with Lucius Dills, Grand Master, presiding. Several excellent reproductions appear in the Proceedings showing the "Sojourners' Club, Welfare Building, United States Veterans' Bureau Hospital, No. 55, Fort Bayard, New Mexico," and the brethren who were present at its dedication on February 7th, 1923. The erection of this Club Building was made possible through the liberal donation of \$25,000 made by the Sovereign Grand Commander, Leon M. Abbott, on behalf of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

Following an established custom in this Jurisdiction the Grand Master in his address, sets forth the names of the brethren, with the names of their respective Lodges, who had died during the year, as well as giving the names of distinguished brethren who had passed away, in other Jurisdictions. This custom, to our mind, entails upon the Grand Master a burden, that could very well be left with a Committee, as it is done in many of the other Jurisdictions of the United States. He recommended that suitable resolutions be forwarded to the Senators and Representatives of Congress which.....

declare that Masonry as an Order gives unqualified allegiance to the government of our country, its Constitution and laws. That it is friendly to and ready to endorse all like agencies or orders that stand for the regular and orderly enforcement of the laws and establish rules of society; and that it is unalterably opposed to any agency or organization under whatsoever name, that would assume to substitute anarchy or mob rule for constitutional government and law, or which by insidious propaganda would poison the minds of the uninformed and arouse thereby a distrust in the integrity and high purposes of our institutions.

Two of the Grand Masters' decisions are worth noting—

"Powers of a Master—The Master of Symbolic Lodge is in fact Master. It is clearly within his powers to refuse to receive or permit the discussion of any resolution or question which he may deem to be improper or hurtful to his Lodge or to Masonry; and it naturally follows that it is within his

power to supervise and control all matters to be spread upon the records of his Lodge; and, while an appeal to the Grand Lodge from the rulings of the Master is always the right of any one aggrieved thereby, the Grand Lodge will not disturb or revise the ruling unless it be clearly shown that there has been an abuse of authority resulting in a wrong to one or more individuals or a subversion of the laws and usages of the Craft."

"Swear vs. Vow.—The Master of a constituent Lodge acted within his lawful powers in ordering a candidate removed from the Lodge who refused to repeat the word "swear" in the Entered Apprentice obligations, and ordered his fees returned. The candidate had not reached the point where he could be taken by the hand as a Brother.

"The term swear in our obligations has exactly the same meaning as vow; and any one so literal-minded as to be unable to draw the distinction between the Biblically inhibited sense of swear and its use in our rituals would be of doubtful value to Masonry."

The Jurisdiction is not large numerically, as the reports show that on the 31st December, 1922, its membership was 5,975, with 56 warranted Lodges and 3 working under dispensation. Small in membership, yet it shows, as a Body, great activity in Masonic Work. M.W. Bro. Dr. William F. Kuhn, Past Grand Master of Missouri, who was present, delivered an interesting and instructive address upon the Symbolism of Freemasonry.

In his report on Foreign Correspondence, Bro. John Milne, has a way of his own in its preparation. Under the headings of "Physical Qualifications," "Trials," "Masonic Service Association," with brief and appropriate comments, he selects from the Proceeding of the several Jurisdictions, remarks pertaining to the heading. In the preface of his report he includes "Canada" among his reviews, but we could find no other reference to our Grand Body.

As to the higher degrees he aptly remarks—

"Grand Lodges are still seeking by legislation to remedy the evil caused by a too rapid advancement of Master Masons to the Shrine. We continue in the belief that subordinate Lodges have it within their power to make the three degrees so attractive that there will be less desire to take the degrees simply as a stepping stone to the "higher bodies." Study clubs, encouraged by the pamphlets issued by the Masonic Service

Association, will go a long way toward the solution of this vexing problem. We admit that legislation may make it impossible to join the higher bodies in less than a specified time, but the result accomplished by such legislation will in our opinion be of very doubtful value.

Joseph Gill, Grand Master.

Alpheus A. Keen, Grand Secretary.

H. T. S.

NEW YORK

Arthur S. Tompkins, M.W. Grand Master.

Number of Lodges 921. Membership 286,594.

Net gain 13,960.

Some idea of the magnitude of this Jurisdiction may be obtained from the fact that the veteran Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Robert Judson Kenworthy, paid over to the Grand Treasurer no less a sum than \$548,-409.87 during the year. Verily New York is the Empire State.

The One Hundred and Forty-second Annual Communication was held in the Masonic Hall, City of New York, May 1, 1923. A large concourse of Officers and Brethren assembled, among them eight Past Grand Masters.

Canada was as usual worthily represented by M.W. Bro. Thomas Penney.

Past Grand Master Fortmeyer of New Jersey, and Past Grand Master Randell of Texas, were cordially welcomed.

From the very full and satisfying address of the Grand Master we gather some thoughts and sentences so that our Canadian Brethren may share his point of view and his experience—

We give hearty thanks to the Author of all good for the inspiration that has come into our hearts and lives and the stimulus that has been given to our activities, leading us on into larger fields of endeavour for the upbuilding of our fraternity and the service of humanity. The year has blessed us with a broader vision, a keener conception and a more comprehensive

grasp of Masonic duty and service, and has rewarded us with the satisfaction of seeing our Craft in active co-operation with the many other forces that are working for the peace and happiness of mankind.

There is more of the fraternal spirit,—more of the spirit of service,—more of the spirit of giving and doing for others,—more of the unselfish spirit than ever before since time began, and Freemasonry, the oldest and largest and strongest of all the brotherhoods of the world, has had a large part in the moulding of this spirit, and should be the first and the most effective leader in the field of human service, not confining its activities within its own borders—not limiting its benefactions to its own members, but making its charities and ministrations as boundless as the wants and needs of our fellow creatures.

“Let us to-day thank the God of our fathers, and our God, for the way in which he has led our fraternity; and for the great men he has raised up to be our leaders in the past; and for the privilege that is given unto us of carrying on the noble work which our predecessors so highly advanced.”

The three great things for which our fraternity stands: Reverence for God and all the things that are sacred and holy, loyalty to our Country and its institutions, and charity, benevolence and toleration in all our relations with our fellow men.

In his tender references to those who have passed to the life farther on, he says—

Death is a part of the Divine plan; but not the end of that plan; and He who paints the wayside flower, and lights the evening star, and observes the fall of the sparrow, and numbers the hairs of our head, will not desert man, the highest order of creation, in the hour of his earthly dissolution.

The compensation for the burdens and struggles of life and the shadow of death will be the bright morning of the worlds resurrection and life everlasting. We intuitively believe it. The Bible, the great light in Masonry teaches it, nature everywhere reveals it, the soul of man longs for it and has through all the ages; the living God has declared it.

“’Tis Divinity itself that points out an hereafter and intimates eternity to man.”

The Grand Master had taken part in the reception and entertainment of M.W. Bro. Hagedorn, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, Germany, and he expresses the hope that his visit will aid in the re-establishment and maintenance of friendly relations. It is interesting in this connection to read our review of the Proceedings of the United Grand Lodge of

England who are not yet ripe for reconciliation until some reparation is made for the wrongs done, or some regret expressed for the conduct of German Masons both immediately before and during the war.

With regard to the Masonic Home and Grand Master speaks as follows, and he also praises the work connected with the Hospital and Sanatorium—

At the Home and Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial Hospital, where 324 men and women, and 202 orphan children, making 526 sick and disabled, suffering and incurable men, women and children being cared for, treated and nursed in a manner that does great credit to our fraternity. Every Mason should visit the Home and Hospital. There you will feel the pulse-beat, the heart-throb of Freemasonry. There you will see in concrete form the best expression of the spirit of our fraternity, the highest exemplification and the most practical application of the doctrine of Freemasonry, and once you see and know the splendid work that is there being done under the leadership of our able Board of Trustees and the faithful and efficient management of Brother Wiley, Mrs. Wiley and Miss Wiley, you will rejoice in the fact that there we have and maintain a real home, with all the equipment and facilities necessary for the care and comfort of the aged, the proper physical, mental, moral and religious training of the young, and the skillful treatment and faithful nursing of the sick and suffering.

The Trustees have made a contract for the purchase of a large tract of mountain land for this purpose, and as soon as some legal formalities are arranged, will take title and proceed with plans for a group of buildings for the care and treatment of Masons suffering from tuberculosis. The great need for this work has been apparent for years.

The Employment Bureau is a feature of American Grand Lodge Jurisdictions and evidently does most effective and beneficial work. The Grand Master says—

Our Employment Bureaus in New York City, Brooklyn, Rochester and Buffalo, are rendering good service and I heartily commend their work to the craft and urge its continuation and liberal support. These organized efforts to help the unemployed among our brethren, to be placed in positions enabling them to support themselves and families, are deserving of the hearty co-operation and ample financial support of the craft.

Flag Day, June 14th was generally celebrated by the constituent Lodges and as to the Flag as a symbol and emblem the Grand Master utters this thought—

We should avail ourselves of every opportunity to reassert our devotion to our Country and its institutions and its flag,

and by every means in our power oppose the forces of evil and lawlessness, disloyalty and radicalism that would undermine our institutions, destroy our liberties and take away our peace and happiness as a nation.

Under Social and Educational Service he says—

This Bureau has available for the use of lodges, a large roster of speakers and lecturers; films and slides, bulletins and lectures, and is prepared to suggest suitable programs and forms of entertainment and instruction for any proper meeting held by or under the auspices of a Masonic lodge.

The Bureau is promoting lodge libraries—this is an important subject, every lodge should have a Masonic library and many of our Brethren have in their homes books on Masonic subjects that might be donated to their lodge and made the nucleus of a lodge library.

While freemasonry in this Country is subdivided by our several State Grand Jurisdictions, we are all one in heart and spirit—one in essentials and aims, all striving for the same great purpose and all engaged in promoting the spirit of fraternity and brotherhood, and the World War awakened us to the need for a closer union and a better and more effective co-operation in our common aspirations, and out of this awakening came the Masonic Service Association.

The Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge continue to co-operate, as is most proper, and he expresses his grateful appreciation of the gift of \$3,000 from the Grand Chapter as follows—

This very generous act of the Grand Chapter is much appreciated, and on behalf of the trustees and for myself and Grand Lodge, I express to the Grand Chapter our warmest thanks. We are anxious to have, and we need a closer union and a better co-ordination and more co-operation between the various bodies that are the outgrowth of and are dependent for their existence upon the symbolic lodge.

We hope our Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada will note the following—

A distinguished member of our Craft recently wrote as follows: "The first and highest allegiance of every Mason should be to his blue lodge. From her he draws his Masonic life. He promised her allegiance before he became acquainted with any other organization called Masonic, and when he allows anything else to dampen his ardor or divide his allegiance to her, he is violating the obligation he took at her altar. It is the blue lodge that makes Masonry worth while." A sentiment in which I heartily concur. Loyalty to the symbolic lodge and the Grand Lodge in all its worthwhile activities is the first duty of every Mason.

He approved and advocates the presentation of Bibles to all newly raised Master Masons and says—

We are told that the Bible is given as the rule and guide for our faith and practice in life, and what could be more appropriate or better calculated to make a lasting impression upon the newly made Mason than to receive from his Lodge as he stands at the sacred altar a suitable copy of the Book of books?

Foreign relations come in for a large share of his comment. Incidentally he says—

We are opposed to a super Grand Lodge or any International Association that would dominate our own or any other Grand Jurisdiction, but I am in favour of a voluntary association or league of the legitimate masonic jurisdictions of the world upon fundamental principles as to which all can agree and upon the common platform of universal brotherhood, without surrendering or compromising any of our own ideals or landmarks and from which association any Grand Jurisdiction may withdraw at any time for any reason or for no reason.

"My own opinion is that we should stay where we are and use our best endeavours to interest other American jurisdictions in the cause, to the end that we may ultimately eliminate all unmasonic bodies and perfect a powerful and effective world wide Masonic alliance."

And from his conclusions we take these pregnant sentences—

Any movement that is calculated to fan and intensify the fires of religious bigotry or class antagonisms or race prejudices will be deprecated and deplored by men who love their country.

Let us then be true to our Masonic faith and by precept and example, by loyalty and steadfastness, strive to allay the bitterness, to close the breach, to heal the wounds that have been and are being caused by these unfortunate and unnecessary antagonisms.

"Thy Level rivalries subdue, thy Square to virtue trend,
Thy Trowel spread that true cement which doth all hearts unite,
And darkness comprehend and glow with thy immortal light—
Live on! O Masonry, live on!"

It is rarely that a Grand Master receives such wholesome and heart felt approbation as is expressed by the Committee of Grand Lodge on the address. It seems well deserved.

Finally, your Committee considers it its duty and privilege to accentuate the singular energy, virility, and versatility of the Grand Master as shown by the record in his address of accomplishment during the past year.

Indefatigable both at home and abroad, his industry is phenomenal. He has set a fast pace. May we be able to hit it—and keep it.

The following report of the Custodians of the work is of interest—

The Grand Lecturer is faithfully holding his Conventions in the various Districts, and the increasing attendance shows a growing interest and a desire for knowledge in that which, despite the many and varied activities of the Craft, is the foundation of our Fraternity.

The Custodians are now at work standardizing the forms and ceremonies of the Ritual.

From the Report on Educational Service of which that wonderful fountain of energy, M.W. Bro. Townsend Scudder is the Chairman, among the many subjects treated we glean the following—

As to the future, he would be a bold prophet who should dare to set limits to what our Craft can do, under wise and prudent leadership, and in the spirit of fraternal harmony and co-operation. In these days when the invisible currents of the wireless telegraph and the radio are passing through solid walls, and even penetrating the tissues of our own bodies, annihilating time and distance and magically welding mankind into one vast human brotherhood, who can say what marvels of yesterday may not be among the commonplaces of tomorrow?

The Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Italy was cordially welcomed and made an interesting reply in French, which was interpreted by M.W. Bro. Scudder as he spoke. These paragraphs from this Italian G.M.'s address will be found of historic interest—

The Grand Orient of Italy appeared more than a century ago, in the time of Napoleon. When Italy sank back into fanaticism and intolerance, the Orient disappeared, for to be a Mason then was considered a crime punished by death. When liberty again returned to Italy, the Grand Orient reappeared in Turin, when this city became the capital of the new Kingdom of Italy. Later it was transferred to Rome, after the temporal power of the Papacy had come to an end, and Rome had become the capital of my native country. Its headquarters were established there by Garibaldi, who was at that time the Grand Master.

The men who founded the modern Italy, and by their heroism gave to Italians a fatherland, were almost all of them Masons. Even the most inveterate enemies of our

Order admit this; they recognize that the reconstitution of Italy was an immense undertaking inspired by Masonry.

From the Report of the Committee on Employment Service we take this record of work done and we commend the idea to our Lodges and Bureaus in Canadian Cities—

At the present time there is no great unemployment problem in this country, or within the confines of our own State. On the contrary, in some classes of labor there is an actual shortage of workers. In twenty-one states the unemployment so prevalent in 1920 and 1921 has been completely absorbed. In twenty-three states there are not workers enough, and in four states only is there any general situation of unemployment. In the building trades there is an extraordinary activity, and wages in this line are reported very high, and in other employments there has been a general trend of increase of compensation. The unemployment has also been affected by the decrease of immigration, which, while not directly affecting this fraternity, yet has assisted in bringing about a shortage of skilled and especially unskilled labor.

In the list of Lodges given in the various Districts with their nights of meeting, it is noted that all meet twice a month and some meet three times a month, thus displaying the continuity of activity, and change the peripatetic emergent meeting to regular meetings on reliable dates, which must be a great convenience to the Brethren and which no doubt assures a larger attendance. There is no moveable moonshine in New York.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence headed by M.W. Bro. S. Nelson Sawyer with R.W. Brethren Emil Frenkel and Ossian Lang his colleagues, present a very informing report with many unusual features, and indeed the whole Proceedings of New York give a contemporaneous view of European and South American Masonry which cannot be obtained in any other published volume.

In the beginning of the Report, Italy, Columbia, Guatemala, and Venezuela are fully treated, and as a supplemental report Mexico, Argentine Republic, France, Portugal, Bulgaria and Turkey are each introduced to us by some one who knows and in a most interesting way.

Canada is briefly chronicled and from their review we take the following as to the G.M.'s address—

He emphasizes again and again the need of adhering strictly to the fundamental landmarks of the Masonic credo, and points out "the close unity of those who fear God, love the Brotherhood, honor the King." He warns that the Fraternity must not be regarded as a Benefit Insurance Corporation, nor to be treated as a charitable institution, as this term is currently used.

Under Manitoba we find—

"It is easy to prepare schedules and tabulate members, but it is not so easy to make the world accept our estimate of ourselves unless we can produce a membership who live up to our teaching."

Ireland gives rise to much interesting comment—

The reports from the several Provincial Grand Lodges reveal what trials many of these had to pass through in sections where the population was anything but friendly to the Craft. And yet in almost all parts the former hostile attitude is giving way to a more reasonable one.

Scotland proves a fertile and magnetic field. From the address of Lord Ampthill delivered to the Grand Lodge of Scotland we take the following—

"It is because of the fact that we are a binding web or network inside the social system that we can do good, and that we can promote and maintain all those elements of the national spirit which make for good citizenship and for the permanence and stability of our institutions; but we shall not maintain that power—we cannot maintain that power—unless all our external forces are vitalised and sustained by a spiritual force which makes Freemasonry what it is."

And the Grand Master of Scotland strikes a responsive chord to our New York Brethren as to us. He is commented on and quoted as follows—

The words spoken by the Grand Master Mason were particularly good. Aside from presenting much valuable information regarding the condition of the Craft in Scotland, he touched upon a number of fundamental ideas which are of universal interest to Masons. Here are a few excerpts:

"We ought to be founded upon a square, and the sides of that square should be designated as follows: 'Honor all men,' 'Love the Brotherhood,' 'Fear God,' and 'Honor The King.' Then let us join together the points of this square. We form

then a Cross. A Cross is to us the supreme example of self-sacrifice. And this Cross formed in joining the four corners of the square is particularly appropriate to our meeting today, because it forms the Saint Andrew's Cross. Then taking the interesting point of those two lines as our center, and the corner of the square as the radius, let us form a circle, and round the circle let us write the words, 'Stick together.' That, brethren, is the motto which I put before you as Freemasons. Let that be a help to us in our individual lives; let us clothe our ritual and our degrees with that ideal before us, and let us work together with zeal and enthusiasm for the benefit of the whole."

"Scots who hae wi' Wallace bled" was sung, and then the Grand Master proposed the toast of "Daughter Lodges," adding the thought that the "life-blood of the Craft" is owing to the Lodges and that it is essential that these see it that this life-blood is kept healthy.

"Every integral part, it does not matter how small, may either help or mar the whole."

Lord Elgin's grandfather was Governor-General of Canada. A Lodge in Montreal is named after this sire. It was celebrating its 75th anniversary, on the same day, and sent a telegram of greeting. The Grand Master Mason concluded his toast with an old Scottish song, "How Are Ye A' At Hame," the last verse of which he adopted as a sentiment of the occasion:

"On whatever sod we kneel,
Heaven knows we ever feel
For the honor and the weal
O'oor ain Countrie."

In writing on France the reviewers say—

From its beginning, and for about a century, the Grand Orient of France adhered to the Landmarks fixed upon by the Grand Lodge of England, and accepted by the Fraternity everywhere. It was on a resolution introduced by a Protestant clergyman, Desmond, in 1876, that all reference to the Deity was eliminated from the statutes and the rituals.

The refraining from "every dogmatic affirmation" and the insistence upon "absolute freedom of conscience" serve as explanations why all reference to the G.A.O.T.U. is excluded from the ritual. All obligations are taken upon the book of the Constitution.

The Report which indicates great research and labor with a table of Masonic statistics attached is followed by an addendum, being the report of the joint Committee on Masonic Conditions in Europe and is adorned with the picture of a most beautiful Freemasons Hall at Kristiania, Norway.

The Committee were heartily received in England and make this graceful acknowledgment—

The cordial relations maintained with the United Grand Lodge of England, the original source of all present-day Masonry, have been strengthened in a way to render possible a fuller co-operation than heretofore. The generous hospitality enjoyed by the members of the Commission is acknowledged with gratitude.

Of the impression left by European Brethren upon the Committee they conclude as follows—

“To Masonry particularly they look for help that the nations may arrive at a better understanding of one another, that mutual trust may be established, that the ideals of the Craft may become the practical guides out of a labyrinth of prejudice, dissension and selfishness. Masonry has the saving message: All we are brothers and the God of Love is our Father.”

Ontario and New York are “next of kin” as nearest neighbors.

Arthur S. Tompkins, Nyack, M.W. Grand Master.

Robert Judson Kenworthy, New York, M.W. Grand Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND (1922).

236 Lodges. 19,715 Members.

The 33rd Annual Communication was held at Christchurch on November 29th, 1922, M.W. Bro. Thomas Ross, G.M. presiding.

The Conference of Representatives of the various Grand Lodges of Australia was held in Melbourne in November, 1921, but New Zealand was not represented.

M.W. Bro. J. J. Dougall, Past G.M., said he hoped that at the next conference New Zealand would be represented by some brother who was able to represent the views of Grand Lodge very clearly. At such conferences matters that affected the whole Masonic commonwealth of the Southern Seas could be discussed, and resolutions arrived at that would carry weight throughout the world. Take, for example, the case of the erection of the Grand Lodge of Queensland. A minority of four Lodges had decided to be a law unto themselves. Nowhere but in the British Dominions would such an attitude be tolerated. He could not understand the action of the Grand

Lodges of England and Scotland. They had treated the overseas Masonic territories in an extraordinary way. Had such treatment been meted out to the Dominions in political matters by the Imperial Government, the British Empire would long ago have ceased to exist. That was a strong statement to make, but he had felt very strongly on the question for years. In this part of the world we were given absolute and complete political freedom. We were allowed to form our own system of government—to govern ourselves in our own way. But in Freemasonry we were not allowed to do that. We were not allowed to be masters in our own territory. It was little short of a scandal that in Queensland four Lodges should be allowed to remain in sovereign authority, through the attitude of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland. The Grand Lodge of Ireland, on the other hand, had always been the first to concede the right of the Lodges of the Colonies to self-government. The same arbitrary attitude was to be found in the case of Samoa. That group was in a sense annexed to New Zealand politically, but Masonically we could do nothing. There were brethren in Samoa who wished to form a Masonic Lodge there, but they had to go to England, Ireland or Scotland for the right. New Zealand was not recognised, so far, as having any Masonic rights in Samoa. Practically every Grand Master of New Zealand had held the opinions he was now expressing, and representations had been made to the Mother Grand Lodges on the subjects of Samoa, but without definite result as yet. Fiji, to a certain extent, was in the same position. Its associations were naturally with either Australia or New Zealand. In order that these and similar matters might be promptly considered he strongly urged that at the next conference New Zealand should be well represented.

It was decided that each candidate applying for admission to the Craft should be supplied with a copy of the following statement in reference to the Aims and Objects of Freemasonry:

“Having expressed a desire to become a Freemason, we presume you are willing to consider thoroughly the step you propose to take. The exact nature of our institution being unknown to you, we deem it advisable that you should be informed on certain points, the knowledge of which may affect your decision to apply for membership.

“Freemasonry interferes neither with religion nor politics, but has for its foundation the great basic principles of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. No Atheist can be a Freemason. Freemasonry strives to teach a man the duty he owes to God, his neighbour, and himself. It inculcates the practice of virtue, and makes an extensive use of symbolism in its teachings.

“It cannot be too strongly emphasised that Freemasonry is not to be entered in the hope of personal gain or advancement. Admission to the Order must not be sought from

mercenary or other unworthy motives. Anyone so actuated will be bitterly disappointed. The aim of the true Freemason is to cultivate a Brotherly Feeling among men, and to Help whomsoever he can.

"Freemasonry is not a Benefit Society. This fact cannot be too strongly emphasised. We do not subscribe so much a year to entitle us to draw sick pay or other benefits, or to make provision for those who survive us. There are other excellent Societies founded for this purpose. No man should enter the ranks of Freemasonry in the hope or expectation that he will derive any financial benefit from it. Masonic Charity is directed towards those who, from unforeseen circumstances and through no fault of their own, have met with misfortune. For such cases help is always forthcoming, and no deserving appeal is ever made in vain.

"Loyalty to one's country is an essential qualification in Freemasonry, and only those are acceptable who cheerfully render obedience to every lawful authority. Disloyalty in any form is abhorrent to a Freemason, and is regarded as a serious Masonic offence.

"Freemasonry has in all ages insisted that men should come to its doors entirely of their own free will, and not as the result of solicitations, or from feeling of curiosity, but simply from a favourable opinion of the institution, and a desire to be ranked among its members.

"We have no authority at the present time to give you further information regarding the Brotherhood you propose to join, but we have imparted sufficient to enable you to conclude that Freemasonry is not contrary to the principles which mark a man of upright heart and mind, and has in it nothing inconsistent with one's civil, moral or religious duties.

"We think it advisable to inform you that your admission to our Craft will entail certain financial obligations which you should be able to discharge without detriment to yourself or those dependent on you. In addition to the fees payable on your entrance, there will be an annual subscription for the support of your Lodge, and from time to time you will be called upon to contribute for the maintenance of the charities connected with the Craft."

Viscount Jellicoe of Scapa, the Grand Master-Elect, was installed at the evening meeting. In his address to Grand Lodge, he said:

"I cannot conceive that any brother—even one possessed of great knowledge of Freemasonry and with great experience in the Craft—does not share to some extent my feeling of awe when he is elected to the head of the Freemasons of this Dominion. But in my case, as you are aware, my experience is of the briefest, and I should not have dared to consent to nomination had it not been strongly represented to me that

such action on my part would be generally welcomed, that it would be for the benefit of the Craft in New Zealand, and that the duties of Grand Master would in no wise conflict with those other duties appertaining to the office which I have the honour to hold in this Dominion. On this latter point, I am fortified by the knowledge that one of my predecessors occupied the position in which I have today been installed, and that a similar office has been held by several Governors in the States of the Commonwealth of Australia."

The new Grand Master spoke of the outstanding impressions which his all too brief association with the Craft had made upon his mind. These were (1) the loyalty of the members of the Craft to the Throne and Empire, (2) the value of the comradeship or brotherly love which is one of our principles, and which Masonic life does so much to encourage, (3) the care taken in the admission of members to the Fraternity, and (4) the value of the charitable side of Masonic work.

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NEW ZEALAND (1923).

M. W. Bro. John Rushworth, Viscount Jellicoe of Scapa, Grand Master.

253 active Lodges. Membership 21,320.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Communication was held at Wellington 28th November, 1923, with a large number of Grand Officers and Brethren present from all parts of the Dominion.

The Proceedings which are illuminated with excellent portraits of the Grand Officers and Executive of Grand Lodge, opened thus in ample form—

"The M.W. the Grand Master having been saluted with the honours due to his exalted rank, the business of Grand Lodge was proceeded with."

At the very beginning Past Grand Master Dougall proposed the re-election of the Grand Master in the following complimentary terms—

Though M.W. Bro. Viscount Jellicoe was a comparatively young Mason, all would acknowledge the capacity he has shown in Freemasonry, and the quality of his work as Grand Master. It was said that whilst Freemasonry honoured every

one of its members, no man could honour Freemasonry. That might be true, but if it was possible for a man to honour Freemasonry, he thought our present Grand Master was the man.

The motion was unanimously carried and suitably acknowledged by the G.M.

M.W. Bro. Michel the Deputy Grand Master, said of the gallant sailor who presides over the destinies of the Grand Lodge—

Only two or three of the officers who had been most closely associated with him could realize the immense amount of Masonic work done by the Grand Master in the last year. He had, indeed, done more than his share of the duties pertaining to his office.

Nearly all the Officers are elective, including the President of the Board of General Purposes and (a new one for us), the Grand Bible Bearer.

The assets of our New Zealand Brethren loom large, totalling for investments and cash on hand £81,003 10s 9d Sterling.

The following is encouraging—

R.W. Bro. J. J. Clark, P.D.G.M., pointed out that the real position of the Widows and Orphans and Aged Masons' Fund was that its income for the year had been £8,017, of which £3,198 came from the Lodges, and after paying all demands the Board had been able to carry forward £3,570, a sum greater than the amount received from the Lodges.

The Board of General Purposes met in Christchurch on eleven occasions throughout the year and the attendance registered showed a close continuity of assiduous work.

Ten new Lodges received their warrants.

Recognition was given to Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland and the Grand Orient of the Netherlands.

Samoa is now within their Jurisdiction also and we read—

Since the publication of the last Annual Report the Grand Lodge of Scotland has signified its willingness that this Grand Lodge should have jurisdiction over the Islands of Samoa, and everything being in order, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, on the advice of the Board, granted a warrant for the erection of a Lodge at Apia.

With regard to the historical records of Craft Lodges the Board say—

It has been ascertained that in a number of instances the older Lodges are not in possession of their earlier records. This is a matter to be regretted, and the Board would like to impress upon Lodges the necessity of taking steps in the future to carefully preserve their records, either by providing fire-proof safes or by lodging them in a local bank or other safe deposit.

The debate upon the question of who is to rule the Lodge in the event of the death or incapacity of the Master is most interesting and informing, involving the precedence or non-precedence of the Warden over a Past Master. One of the Brethren said—

When a candidate was initiated, he was told that the Master—not the Master and Wardens—ruled the Lodge. Not until he became an Installed Master did a Warden become a ruler of the Craft.

The result of the debate was that motion carried placing a Deputy Master next after the Master of a Lodge.

With regard to the annual assessment proposed to be levied on all members, a Brother said—

The whole spirit of the Craft was that of assisting brethren in distress.

The Installing Grand Master thus addressed the Grand Master, and it makes pleasant reading—

In this, comparatively speaking, young Grand Lodge, as in this young country, many of us are making history, and in after years when this history comes to be written, one of its brightest pages will be the part played by one who was not only a most popular Grand Master, but who has also figured as one of the outstanding leaders in preserving at a crucial time that great Empire of ours, of which we Freemasons are so justly proud.

It must be particularly gratifying for you to find your lot cast in a country that bulks so largely in loyalty to the throne you represent, and it must be doubly satisfactory to you to find in attending our gatherings that among the many thousands who offer fealty to you as their Grand Master, their loyalty to His Majesty the King, whom you represent, is not only spontaneous, but as earnest as it is ardent.

It must be very pleasing to you to find that under your guidance and control Grand Lodge has made marvellous progress in numbers, in finance, and in the great humanitarian

work it is accomplishing to the widow, the orphan, and the brother requiring assistance.

I venture to say also that since your advent as Grand Master, we have attracted to our ranks many worthy men of intellect and social standing.

I trust that your second term of office may be as enjoyable to you as the past year has been, and let me say that if you have derived half the pleasure in meeting your brethren that they have had in meeting you, your year as Grand Master must have been a delightfully pleasant one.

The ceremony must have been most impressive with its trumpet calls and proclamations. After the Grand Honours (thrice given) the following stirring ode was sung which appeals to us in this Dominion as in sister Dominion of New Zealand—

Lord God, our Master bless,
With health and happiness,
So mote it be.

In wishes true and hearty,
Let every Craftsman share;
And greet with loving welcome
Our Master in the Chair.

In wishes true and hearty,
Let every Craftsman share;
And greet him still, "God bless him!"
Our Master in the Chair.
So mote it be.

May he our laws defend,
Our power for good extend,
Our Master, Guide, and Friend,
So mote it be.

With wisdom may he rule us,
In faith may we obey,
That God his hands may strengthen,
Let every Craftsman pray.

From the Grand Master's address we take the following interesting information and suggestions—

This includes Lodge Calliope, No. 252, consecrated and dedicated by M.W. Bro. Dougall at Apia, Samoa, on August 30 last. The constitution of this Lodge is of special interest and importance, as evidence of the fraternal spirit existing between New Zealand and the territory which is being administered by New Zealand under the mandate from the League of Nations.

The membership of the Craft in New Zealand is approximately one in 60 per head of population. The figures for other Dominions are: Austria, 1 in 45; Canada, 1 in 55. In the United States, where Freemasonry has a considerable hold, the figures are approximately 1 per 110 of the population, and in Great Britain, 1 per 120. Provided always that actual numbers are significant also of the real practice of the principles of the Craft, New Zealand holds a strong position, of which the brethren may be proud.

A sign of the keenness of the brethren is to be seen in the large number of Masonic Temples built, building or projected.

In the Navy—and I am glad to see some members of my own service present—there is a saying that a clean ship is a smart and efficient ship, and that a smart ship is a happy ship.

Apply the meaning underlying this saying to a Lodge and you will see the significance of a Lodge with suitable appointments.

I would like, with all diffidence, to draw the attention of the brethren to the desirability of Masonic study, and to the work achieved by the Lodges of Research.

My own short experience has convinced me, generally speaking, that here in New Zealand, the right path is being trodden, that the brethren are striving to uphold the principles of the Craft, and are succeeding; and that the steady growth in numbers does signify also a corresponding increase in the influence for good which is exerted for the benefit of the whole community.

Among the commissioned Grand Representatives, Canada was not represented either in person or by writing or by wire, as nearly every other Grand Jurisdiction appears to have been.

At the close of Grand Lodge a new verse was added to the National Anthem which reads—

Far from the Empire's heart
 Make us a worthy part,
 God save the King!
 Keep us for ever Thine,
 Our land Thy southern shrine,
 And, in Thy grace Divine,
 God save the King!

There is no Correspondence Report but the receipt of one copy of the Proceedings from Canada is acknowledged.

Viscount Jellicoe, Christchurch, M.W. Grand Master.

Colonel George Barclay, Christchurch, M.W. Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA

James H. Webb, M.W. Grand Master.

Membership 38,348. Net gain 1,728.

Number of Lodges 461.

The Proceedings are illustrated with photographs of Brethren deceased and Brethren in office, all of a distinctive type, but probably the most outstanding features are those of the new Grand Master Poteat, whose picture and biography precede the title page.

Frankly, however, we do not see what his 32° repeated and emphasized has to do with his position in Craft Masonry.

The 136th Annual Communication was held in Raleigh on January 16th, 17th and 18th, 1923 in the Masonic Temple.

Twelve Past Grand Masters answered the roll with exemplary punctuality and fidelity.

Canada had the honour of being represented by the New Grand Master, R.W. Bro. H. M. Poteat.

M.W. Bro. Andrew L. Randell of the Grand Lodge of Texas was announced and duly honoured.

The Grand Master's address does not give very much material for quotation as it does not deal with many matters of interest outside his own Jurisdiction. He had a busy year with many visitations and the laying of many Cornerstones.

He recommends an increased appropriation for continuing the splendid work of the Educational Loan Fund which has been found such a boon in many Grand Jurisdictions in paving the way from cottage to College.

He strongly recommends that Grand Lodge fix minimum dues in subordinate Lodges, making same sufficient for all expenses with a surplus for local charity.

Lodges there as here, sometimes endeavour to shed their responsibility upon Grand Lodge.

With regard to Masonic education he recommends the employment of an Educational Field Secretary and says—

This Secretary should devote his entire time to inspirational addresses to the Craft (and at time to the general public) interpreting the higher ideals, philosophical principles and aspirations of our time-honored institution. He should be a man of such scholarship as to command the respect of the most intellectual, and so humanitarian and common sense as to attract and hold the humblest; a man of great soul, high ideals and magnetic personality.

He closes with an admonition that all should always work earnestly and effectively for Masonry and humanity.

The Grand Secretary appears to be the centre, the repository, and the encyclopaedia of the manifold work of the many activities of this Grand Lodge and would seem to be the right man in the right place.

The Masonic Home and the Orphanage are reported as doing splendid work, the Committee reporting—

The past year, like those over which your Institution has travelled for half a century, has been filled with varied and trying experiences. We have felt very keenly the depressed financial conditions of our country and your Directors have exercised the highest possible degree of economy, which is consistent with caring for the orphans committed to the Institution.

The purposes and high ideals proclaimed a half century ago, and quoted above, have been an inspiration for your Directors to make this Institution "a perpetual appeal to the charity of every human heart."

\$50,000 was appropriated for these practical and philanthropic purposes.

The Committee on Necrology presented a wonderful report, quoting many touching memorial verses. Among them the following—

"Out—where the faith sees clearer,
 Through the tangled and thinning veil;
 Along the way
 Into that Day—
 Beyond the end of the trail.
 "Out—where the streams are flowing
 From a source that will never fail;
 And all that's best
 Creeps into rest—
 Beyond the end of the trail.'

The Grand Representative of North Carolina at Tennessee and Ohio are of the right stamp and after the meetings of their respective Grand Lodges reported fully to North Carolina, their reports being published in full in the Proceedings.

On the second day the M.W. James H. Price, Grand Master of Virginia, was received and addressed the Grand Lodge in words of cordial greeting, fraternal love and encouragement.

On June 24th St. John's Day, Grand Lodge met in the Oxford Asylum grounds, as is their custom, when glowing tributes were paid to the work of the Home.

Bro. Parham, one of the orators of the day said—

These things are being done not from any sense of mawkish sympathy or pity, but because deep down in the heart of North Carolina Masonry there is a God-given sense of justice. These boys and girls have a right to everything they are getting; and we are simply trying to give them their rights. Call your capitals Shrines of Democracy and your court houses Temples of Justice! I say to you that this institution is the cherished abiding-place, the very home, of justice and democracy.

The other speaker, Bro. Proctor said among other stirring matter—

During the last few years and particularly in the last few months, the need and cry of the nation has been for trained leadership of the proper sort. A new emphasis has been properly placed on education. As a Nation, we have made strides, as a State, the development along educational lines is like a dream.

Reports in detail from the Districts and from the constituent Lodges with their full rosters of membership and other information complete the volume of Proceedings.

There is no Correspondence Report and apparently no Correspondence Committee.

North Carolina loses much through the absence of this point of contact.

Herbert McN. Poteat, Wake Forest, M.W. Grand Master.

William W. Willson, Raleigh, R.W. Grand Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA

Edwin Arthur Ripley, M.W. Grand Master.

Membership 14,773. Net gain for year 398.

The Proceedings are preceded by an excellent sepia portrait of Grand Master Ripley and by a two page biography from the master-hand of Bro. W. L. Stockwell.

The 34th Annual Communication was held at Grand Forks June 19th to 22nd, 1923, in the presence of a distinguished gathering.

The Past Grand Master of Minnesota and the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota and the Grand Master of the Grand Council were received with the usual honors.

The reception of the Masonic veterans who had been in good standing as Master Masons continuously for 50 years or more is thus described—

They were escorted to the East and given the Grand Honors, after which Brother Evans made a very happy little address in response in which he said that his fifty-two years of Masonic membership had proven to him that "Masonry was the science of the happy and useful life." A little later Past Grand Master George H. Keyes was received, he having been a Master Mason fifty-seven years, and then Past Grand Treasurer Eyarts C. Stevens, sixty-nine years a Master Mason and ninety-one years of age was assisted to the Grand East, but at his request was not given the Grand Honors. No part of the entire proceedings of the Grand Lodge was more moving or inspiring than this little incident.

The Grand Master frankly summarizes the objects of the gathering in the following words—

The ever moving hand of time again points to the hour for the resumption of labor. We are here assembled in this, our Thirty-fourth annual Communication to review the achievements and disappointments of the past year, and as far as possible, to determine our plans for the coming year.

The Scythe of Time has not invaded the ranks of our active officers during the past year. Two of our Past Grand Masters, however, have "demitted to that Celestial Lodge above."

A note of prudent discreet and temperate warning is struck in the following—

Due to financial conditions prevailing in our state during the past few years, some of our lodges in the smaller towns are experiencing difficulty in maintaining their lodges in a proper condition, and in some cases I feel are inclined to accept undesirable material as a result. Extreme care should be exercised in granting dispensations in the future, and as some of our smaller towns are struggling for existence we may be compelled to take up some charters.

With regard to decisions and the Constitution, the Grand Master makes a fruitful suggestion—

In my opinion our lodges should spend at least one meeting a year in the discussion and consideration of the provisions of our Code and the amendments thereto and the approved decisions so that the Craft would possess a better knowledge thereof, and that also, the Master of each lodge should be required to read the Grand Lodge Code before assuming his office.

The Masonic Service Association finds expression for its good work in connection with education and the subject is thus touched upon by the Grand Master—

The committee also decided to employ a portion of the funds available to this committee for making loans to desirable and worthy students attending state institutions. A few loans have been made this year, but with the increase in the sum available as time passes, this feature can be developed to a greater extent.

All in all the activities of our lodges during Public School week were very successful, and it is our hope that in the future a week be set apart annually for the consideration of our public schools and their teachers. Effective schools and high grade teachers are essential under present social and economic conditions and it is our duty as a fraternity and as citizens to uphold the public school system of this country to the best of our ability, in order that the future generations may be assured of equality of opportunity.

That the Masonic Service is active and productive is shown by the above and by the following—

The topic discussed at each meeting was Masonic Service Bulletin number six, entitled "Dignity of Labor," and the new film entitled "Who Best Can Work" was shown.

Degree work occupied the afternoon meeting and the bulletin "Equality of Opportunity" was discussed in the evening, and the film accompanying it was shown.

The Order of DeMolay receives the following cautionary notice—

This order has grown very rapidly during the past two years and there are now 10 chapters in the state with a membership of 400. The effect upon the moral life of the members of the order has been beneficial in nearly all cases, and excepting in one or two instances where the advisory board has failed to exercise due supervision, has been very successful.

The Grand Master concludes with the following pregnant lines—

We have endeavored to draw upon the trestle board of our lodges the design of Masonic service and to establish a foundation for future activity in this field. Only by a realization of our individual duties and responsibilities can our fraternity perform its true mission and improve the present opportunity for true Masonic Service.

"The world's great heart is throbbing with the spirit of unrest,
We hear the cry that welleteth up from the peoples long
oppressed,
We see the rule of Mammon and the grasping hand of Greed,
The travesties of Justice and the toiler's bitter need.

The Report of the Grand Secretary is the most elaborate and comprehensive of any that we have read in any of the Proceedings and that is to be expected from that public-spirited Mason, M.W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell. We cannot resist reproducing some of the many items touched upon in his Report—

We are quite conscious of our limitations and shortcomings, but so far as in us lies we have had but one ambition and that was and is to make Freemasonry a living force for righteousness, decency, and good citizenship in the hearts of the men who make up our membership. How far we have succeeded or failed is another story.

Let us put aside the non-essentials, the trifles which take our time, and magnify the great, far-reaching principles which alone have made Freemasonry strong and which alone will continue to hold men to it.

With regard to Canada he writes as follows and we assure him that our remembrance of meeting with him is a very happy and vivid one—

We received every courtesy. We were presented by Past Grand Master, W. R. White. Most Worshipful Brother White is nearly 85 years of age. He raised our Past Grand Master James McDonald and this fact added a touch of sentiment to our presentation. Brother White is one of the ablest men in the Grand Lodge and his ability as a story teller, second to none.

Colonel William N. Ponton, Grand Master, was a most gracious presiding officer and handled several delicate situations with great tact. He is well known among American Masons. We appreciate the opportunity to represent our Grand Master on this occasion and believe that every opportunity should be used to promote friendship and brotherly love between Grand Jurisdictions.

He concluded with a fine quotation from American individualism by Herbert Hoover, a few sentences of which hereafter follow—

While there are forces in the growth of our individualism which must be curbed with vigilance, yet there are no less glorious spiritual forces growing within that promise for the future. There is developing in our people a new valuation of individuals and of groups and of nations. It is a rising vision of service.

The spiritual reaction after the war has been in part the fruit of some illusions during those five years. In the presence of unity of purpose and the mystic emotions of war, many men came to believe that salvation lay in mass and group action. They have seen the spiritual and material mobilization of nations, of classes, and groups, for sacrifice and service; they have conceived that real human progress can be achieved by working on "the psychology of the people"—by the "mass mind;" they yielded to leadership without reservation; they conceived that this leadership could continue without tyranny; they have forgotten that permanent spiritual progress lies with the individual.

The Grand Lodge Library is evidently the pride and delight of the Brethren as is Iowa's and the report is by the talented Librarian, Miss Clara A. Richards.

We extract the following from her stirring conclusion—

"A Bible and a newspaper in every house, a good school in every district—all studied and appreciated as they merit—are the principal support of virtue, morality and civil liberty."
—Franklin.

Later he founded the first circulating library in this country if not, indeed, in all history, and if it could have been granted him to see the tremendous influence which emanated from that small beginning he would certainly have added, "and a library open to the public" as a fourth element necessary to the support of virtue, morality and civil liberty. Such is the faith in which we have attempted to report to you the substance of things not seen, the evidence of things not heard, but which in spite of all, exist and make for the betterment of mankind.

The Trustees of the Relief Fund had their difficulties but also their encouragements and close their report in buoyant fashion thus—

It's today that I am living, not a month ago,
 Havin', losin', takin', givin', as time wills it so.
 Yesterday a cloud of sorrow fell across the way;
 It may rain again tomorrow, it may rain—but say,
 Ain't it fine today?

So spoke that poet-philosopher, Brother Douglas Mallock, who, with a human heart-touch gives his brethren words of cheer and comfort and points the way out of darkness to the light that shines for all. so—

Ain't it fine today?"

At the request of the Grand Master the Grand Secretary made a summary of some of the important matters which have been discussed in Grand Lodge during the past year such as Education, Physical Qualifications, Masonic Homes, Service Association, and the Order of De Molay. With regard to the latter he says—

In one or two proceedings the fact has been noted that the founders failed to take into consideration the lodges or Grand Lodge. It is our opinion that any order that bases its membership in any way upon the three degrees of symbolic Masonry would be wise to have secured in the beginning the approval and support of Grand Lodges. Our personal opinion is that under right leadership and with the right kind of sponsors and advisors the DeMolay can be a tower of strength to youth just coming into manhood but under other conditions it can be a source of infinite mischief.

With regard to new Masonic Organizations so-called, he says—

Everywhere through the proceedings of other Grand Lodges recurs the thought and it is frequently stated with great emphasis that the present craze for new organizations based upon Masonic membership is a situation which bodes no good to Masonry. There is also a demand for restraining action on the part of Grand Lodges.

The Grand Secretary gave a wonderful Memorial address to the memory of Grant Sherman Hager, Past Grand Master and Fraternal Correspondent whose fine features illumine a page of the Proceedings.

His widow donated \$500 to establish in the library of the Grand Lodge at Fargo a Memorial Hager, Collection. The Requiem and the gift were both worthy.

With regard to Masonic Service and education the Committee give a full report closing with the following—

Only a few of the results are here given. Only the Divine Book-Keeper can correctly tabulate the work attempted and the good achieved. But of this your Committee is assured; a new day has dawned for Masonry in North Dakota. Let us have a consecration of energy and a co-operation of effort such as shall make us proud that we are numbered with those who build up the waste places and assist in bringing in the Kingdom of God, and look forward to the time when;—

“Out of the darkness of night
The world rolls into light,
It is daybreak everywhere.”

The Past Grand Masters' Association and the Masonic Veterans' Association both met at Grand Forks on June 20th. They appear to be doing fine work and are not ashamed of their ideals—

Is it worth while or shall we 'sleep on now and take our rest.'

“There is no halting place for men:
The splendor of the sun
Shall never dawn upon a world where
All the work is done.
Beware the wise who shake their
Heads and say your dream is vain.
Beyond the goals which they have reached
Lie greater goals to gain.”

The topical review of the Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions has both purpose and scope and deals with Ritual, Ciphers, Masonic Law, Time Between Degrees, Dual Membership, and the general condition of the Order, the latter a symposium of the good and true. The closely printed pages are full of interest, and good in substance and in form, but still we frankly confess we prefer the other style of review which links us all up together without the loss of identity or hand-clasp.

Ralph L. Miller, Fargo, M.W. Grand Master

Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, M.W. Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA

79 Lodges. 9,465 Members.

Grand Lodge convened for the 58th Annual Communication in Halifax on June 13th, 1923, G.M. Jas. Henry Winfield presiding.

In accordance with the usual custom Grand Lodge was opened with divine service and the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Canon E. A. Harris, preached a sermon which is printed in the proceedings. We do not like to offer opinions on deliverances from our spiritual leaders but we fear that the sentiments expressed on this occasion would hardly be acceptable to our Jewish brethren.

From the Grand Master's address we quote the following—

"It might be well for us occasionally to pause and reflect—to consider whether we as Masons are doing all that we ought towards the solution of those great problems which the world is trying, with so much labour and travail, to solve. Good and evil, labour and capital, poverty and riches; all these, apparently antagonistic to each other, can readily be reconciled by the exemplification of the teachings of Masonry in our daily lives. Brotherhood and love will solve all our difficulties, if we will but live up to our great principles.

"Freemasonry has descended to us through many centuries of glorious tradition and achievement. Our pride in its past and in the strength of its present position gives abundant grounds for our faith in its future. To us is given the task to carry on so that our successors may find us not to have been unworthy of our mission here on earth, and that they may be led to even greater efforts, inspired by our example.

The Grand Master's rulings as to physical qualifications indicate a closer adherence to the theory of physical perfection than that prevailing in our own jurisdiction.

"Can application be received from candidate who was on Active Service in France, and as a result of wound has a stiff knee? Answer: With the information at hand I must regretfully rule that he is not eligible to be Mason."

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom the rulings were referred, was of opinion that, the candidate being otherwise qualified, his application should

be received. After discussion, however, the Grand Master's decision was unanimously concurred in.

The Grand Historian's report indicates great activity.

"During the year, I have myself undertaken the writing of the first part of a complete history of Freemasonry in this jurisdiction. The work already done covers the period 1738, (the date when the first lodge was established in Annapolis Royal) to about 1785; a period respecting which we had only the very scantiest knowledge. The story as I have written it, contains a great amount of information obtained from Massachusetts, New York and England and should throw much light on the most interesting period of the infancy of the Order in the Dominion.

"The work remaining to be done should cover the general history of the Order and the various branches of Freemasonry from 1785 to date, and the history of the extinct lodges, and should be completed during the coming year for presentation to Grand Lodge at its next annual session. My proposal is that the second volume should cover the history of the various lodges now at work in the Province and will be very largely the work of the various lodge historians and the history committee. Of these histories some fifteen have already been completed ready for the printer and about the same number in preparation. It is very desirable that every lodge should redouble its effort to have its history written so as to be included in the proposed history."

The review of Fraternal Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary James C. Jones, who says in his foreword—

"The principal topic of discussion in the majority of Grand Lodges across the Border strikes me as being that of having various Societies, Orders or Association identified with or, if possible, brought directly under the wings of Freemasonry.

"There is no doubt the minds of the Promoters of these organizations have a great desire to do good and seek only the welfare of humanity, but why ask Freemasonry to forget all her Traditions, Landmarks and Teachings and become God-father to them all? Why not let them stand on their own feet and work out their own salvation?

"If members of the Craft find they have time, and the inclination on their hands after doing their daily duties as Freemasons, then by all means, let them take an interest in whatever Societies they see fit as Citizens, but by no means as Freemasons."

Canada in Ontario is not reviewed.

T. S.

OHIO

Harry S. Johnson, M.W. Grand Master.

Membership August 31, 1923, 179,788.

Net gain 7,447.

The 114th Annual Grand Communication was held in Springfield, October 17th and 18th, 1923, in Memorial Hall. After welcome and reception of distinguished visitors the Grand Master delivered an able address, from which we quote the following—

We have finished the work of another year. As we gather together in this, our One Hundred and Fourteenth Communication, let it be a stone set up to commemorate a year of blessing and guidance, whereon, with humility and gratefulness, we inscribe "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." According to His Wisdom, may the work of this occasion be firmly established.

Special reference was of course made to the death of the President and illustrious Brother, Warren Gamaliel Harding, one of the many distinguished sons whom Ohio has given to the Republic.

With regard to the Committee on History and Education the Grand Master refers to the founders and says—

They unquestionably had primarily in mind that a Masonic Lodge was a school, that Masonic textbooks were essential to Masonic knowledge, and that essays and lectures at the Lodge upon the Masonic system should be encouraged.

"Nothing could be more evident than that such a salutary purpose loomed large to our prudent predecessors, the Fathers of the Craft. They saw plainly that there is ever the possibility of a single item of diet palling stale upon the palate. They saw the refreshing exhilaration of variety and realized that Ritual alone might lead to a satiated taste. Hence the literary urge received from them a hearty endorsement, and they gave Masonic studies the active protection and vigorous promotion of their jurisprudence."

Referring to extraneous and yet quasi—Masonic Bodies, the Grand Master says—

It has always been difficult to determine the nature of the presumption that prompts men to organize within the body of Masonry without its consent, and then follow their own inclinations regardless of the laws of Masonry or the State and resort to specious argument to defend their practices. They are

willing to enjoy the patrimony, but disown and even deny the paternity.

And he concludes with this appeal and warning—

Let the condition of the nations of Europe be a warning to us. Let us not be obsessed with a sense of our own security or importance. God's law will operate against us should we continue in our disobedience.

Through this Fraternity we have access to the knowledge and wisdom with which God has so graciously endowed it. To whom much has been entrusted, of him shall much be required.

The Committee on Necrology says of the dead President—

"It is ours to mourn him as a departed Brother, whose name we do well to remember, and whose virtues we do well to emulate."

And makes citations from some of his wonderfully appealing addresses.

The Committee on History among many things worth quoting, gives us the following—

Of these our Brethren pioneering and sturdy, we are the Masonic heirs. Living as we do in security, comfort and luxury we usually little heed the courage, the initiative, the energy, the endurance, yes, the unconquerable faith that went into Freemasonry in the making thereof. Character and intelligence made it what it is to-day. Faith has preserved it. These things will bring us to the harbor of our days in safety. Well is it for us among the inheritors of Freemasonry to be reminded of its cost, that we may the better know it, better value it, better defend and keep it as it was nobly handed down to us.

The Rickly Memorial Building added to the already splendidly equipped Home, was dedicated and the services given in full; the address by Past Grand Master Smith commencing as follows—

We are assembled today fittingly to recognize the magnificent gift of Ralph R. Rickly and to dedicate to its loving purposes the Memorial Building which his thoughtful kindness has permitted to be added to the Ohio Masonic Home.

Ohio has specialized in this practical philanthropy.

The Committee on Correspondence had as Chairman M. W. Bro. O. P. Sperra, Past Grand Master, who prefaces his Report with the following verses which cannot be too often cited—

"One ship drives East and another West
 With the self-same winds that blow;
 'Tis the set of the sails and not the gales
 That sends them the way they go.

"Like the winds of the sea are the ways of fate
 As we voyage along through life;
 'Tis the set of the soul that decides its goal,
 And not the calm or the strife."

Unfortunately Canada is not reviewed and we would have liked to have been included within his clearly expressed purpose, which was—

Our effort has been solely to inform our Brethren in Ohio of the more prominent happenings in the other Grand Jurisdictions whose Proceedings have reached us for review and report, together with the Masonic trend and thought of those in charge of Grand Lodge affairs.

Under British Columbia he quotes with emphatic approval as an admirable lesson the following—

"Freemasonry is one of the great stabilizing powers in the State. It stands for law and order, as also for the practice of the Golden Rule—to do unto others as we would they should do unto us. It sees a deeper meaning in everything; 'it feels and adores the higher destination of man'; 'it sees in nature the finger of the Eternal Master', 'tongues in trees, books in running brooks, sermons in stones and good in everything.' But for all this Freemasonry is not a religion.

But it must be remembered that Freemasonry works, like heaven, in a quiet way, it does good by stealth; it is like the reinforcing steel, which, while stabilizing the structure, remains itself out of sight."

All through his Report he emphasizes the value of the Home and under Oregon he proclaims with vigor—

"Our youngest financial child is the Home fund. Born with a golden spoon of plenty, it has waxed fat despite the doleful sounds of committee nurse or Grand Lodge sponsor. From it your Masonic Home has been built, furnished, and now maintained. The trustee doctors have carefully watched it during its babyhood with all the pressing concern which such periods demands. The committee nurse has served it most faithfully with unceasing vigilance, and as a result today we have a completed structure and a surplus of cash on hand amounting to \$73,876.08."

His conclusion is—

We are again favorably assured of the directed effort and the gainful results so apparent in the various Grand Jurisdic-

tions toward the betterment and advancement of Masonic conditions, admonition, and lesson.

"You will be what you will to be;
The human Will, that force unseen,
The offspring of a deathless soul,
Can hew a way to any goal,
Though walls of granite intervene.

Next Annual Communication to be held at Cleveland, October 15th, 1924.

M.W. Bro. Campbell M. Voorhees, Columbus, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. J. H. Bromwell, Cincinnati, Grand Secretary.

OKLAHOMA

Leslie Herbert Swan, M.W. Grand Master.

Membership 59,730. Net additions 4,499.

It is interesting and instructive as showing Western evolution and progress to quote the whole title page of the Official Proceedings of the Fiftieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, and the Thirty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Territory and the Fifteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma. Therein lies history.

The Annual Communication was held at Guthrie in the Scottish Rite Temple on February 27th, 1923, and a record number of Past Grand Masters larger than any other Grand Jurisdiction as chronicled to the writer's knowledge this year, were in attendance and answered roll call, twenty-one in all.

Almer E. Monroney represented Canada among the Grand Representatives.

The Grand Master officially welcomed the Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter, the Grand Master of the Grand Council, the Grand Commander of Knights Templar and the presiding Officer of the Scottish Rite.

The Grand Master in his address gave this introductory greeting—

I greet you as members of a fraternity whose efforts to teach morality and practise charity, in its broadest sense, has made it one of the most potent factors in the advancement of Christian civilization that has existed in any age. Its mission is peace and good will. In the most remote parts of the earth,

wherever civilization has penetrated, our lodges have been organized, and today are engaged in the noble work of teaching freedom and truth and love and morality and benevolence, by our beautiful system of symbolism so dear to us all. For the accomplishment of these purposes mystic chains bind together peoples of all nations in one common brotherhood.

A very gracious ceremony took place during his reference to those Brethren who have passed away—

Let us arise while the Grand Secretary reads the list, the Senior Grand Deacon will place flowers upon the altar in commemoration of our honor and esteem, that we may in this manner, pay loving tribute to their memory.

We quote his interpretation of the poem *On the Bridge* so great a favorite with our veteran R.W. Bro. J. B. Nixon—

The chasm which has been naught to me,
To this fair youth may a pitfall be,
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim,
Good Friend, I am building the bridge for him."

Brethren, the chasm which is depicted in this poem, is intended to represent today, the period between yesterday and the morrow. In other words, it is the span of human life; or those fleeting moments in which we—each of us—have our earthly existence. Then, may I say, we are all bridge builders, sometimes unconsciously, yet it is nevertheless as true as the faith of our fathers. We build that others may cross; we sow that others may reap; we work and plant for those who are to occupy the earth when we are dead; we strive to project our influence for good so far into the future that we will be a benefit to the men who are yet unborn.

The Masonic Service Association is appreciated in Oklahoma and a vision of a potential world wide union is given in the following—

A Masonic Service Association, including all of the Grand Lodges of the world, would exercise such a wonderful influence in the affairs of humankind as is almost impossible of comprehension, and the dream of Brother Edward Quartierla-Tente, has come true.

Grand Representatives are being appealed to in other Jurisdictions besides our own, and this is the recommendation of the Grand Master—

I therefore recommend that where a Grand Representative near this Grand Lodge fails to attend the Annual Communications of this Grand Lodge for two years in succession, the Grand Master be authorized to notify the Grand Master of the Grand Jurisdiction he represents and recommend the appointment of another brother in his stead.

The Grand Secretary is directed not to issue a receipt for dues until he is satisfied that the member has visited a Masonic Lodge within the last twelve months.

Constituent Lodges are required to contribute at least one-quarter of the amount granted for Benevolence.

The Grand Master concludes as follows—

Joy because of the consciousness of the great opportunity which has been mine to be of service to the best people God has permitted to live on this old earth, and regret, for my mistakes and inability to have performed more real service.

“But whether in tears or laughter,
Let us build the best we can;
In the here and the hereafter,
For the Brotherhood of Man.”

The Grand Orator made an able address and makes the following reference to the Grand Master—

We have enjoyed the distinction this year in our Grand Jurisdiction of having the youngest Grand Master of any Jurisdiction. I am sure we shall have his inspiration, and because he has had this distinction so early in life he will be to us as the years pass by a most valuable brother, because we have his assurance tonight that he expects to continue in the ranks of service for and with his brethren.

With regard to America sharing the common cup he says—

Some of these days, my brethren, in the not very far distant future, this country of ours must assume that leadership; this country of ours must life up that banner and play to the old world that which perhaps we owe it, and fulfil her mission that God had in mind for her when He permitted her to become a nation and a people.

Of Masonry generally he says—

If I understand Masonry right, as I have carefully studied its history, it represents the constructive force of a community; never the destructive side of a question, but always the constructive, the sound, the sure, the bed rock upon which you can

always stand in no uncertain terms, and as you stand there be assured of your position.

Of the Masonic Service Association he thus speaks—

I know it is all well enough to deal in the beauties of the order, to talk about the symbolism of it; they are very beautiful, but it seems for the moment that we are tired with dealing so much with that side of the question, and now we deal more and more with those things that educate us day by day, we try to take our Masonry and make it a practical thing, so that it will be the means of solving the problems of life.

I think we have slept upon our rights. I believe that every Grand Jurisdiction begins now to open their eyes to see the reason why we have not accomplished our best is because we have not taken the child at the impressionable period and placed into their hands the task we want them to do.

Of the lineage of the Oklahoma Grand Lodge and Canada, Past Grand Master Humphry has this to say—

Now up in Canada they cannot get it fixed up how there is an Indian Territory Grand Lodge and an Oklahoma Grand Lodge, and they speak about it and undertake to explain it, which explanation is all wrong, so I have notified them that the Oklahoma Grand Lodge and the Indian Territory Grand Lodge were joined together in matrimony, and what the Masons of this country joined here, let those people up there not put asunder.

The afternoon's session opened auspiciously as indicated by the following—

Grand Master Swan: Brethren, we will assemble at two o'clock this afternoon, when we will open on the Entered Apprentice Degree and form in procession.

Thereupon Grand Lodge called from labor to refreshment until two o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 28, 1923.

At two o'clock P. M. the Grand Lodge was duly called from refreshment to labor and opened on the Entered Apprentice degree. The procession was formed and marched to the Masonic Home, where the cornerstone of that building was laid in due and ample form according to the ancient usages of the fraternity.

The funds of the Masonic Home amount to \$285,212.

Their standing with regard to Education is shown by the following—

That this Grand Lodge is in favor of the compulsory education of all children in the State of Oklahoma through the Eighth Grade in a public school supported by public taxation, and in which the instruction is entirely in the English language;

That this Grand Lodge urges upon the Officers of all subordinate Lodges in the State of Oklahoma the desirability of carrying on an educational program in the constituent Lodges in the interests of compulsory education of all children in the State of Oklahoma through the Eighth Grade.

The veteran Thomas Chauncey Humphry is the Committee on Correspondence and his hand shows the experienced touch.

This reviewer's address as Grand Master is copiously quoted and commented upon, and R.W. Bro. Edward B. Brown's report on Correspondence receives a page and a half of interesting and favourable attention.

Under Quebec we find the following which is worthily reproduced—

I fear that we may be making members of the fraternity too rapidly, but we cannot make masons too rapidly for the good of society and for advancement of civilization. There is a great difference in making members and in making Masons. The real Master Mason, who has been made such in his heart, and has the true spirit of the fraternity is numbered among those whom the Psalmist describes as the man who shall abide in the Tabernacle and dwell in the Holy Hills. The real Mason is one that "walketh uprightly, worketh righteousness and speaketh the truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up reproach against his neighbor, for he that doeth these things shall never be moved."

We leave Oklahoma with regret and hope to visit again next year.

William E. Stuart, Shattuck, M.W. Grand Master.

William M. Anderson, Guthrie, M.W. Grand Secretary.

OREGON

George Glanvil Brown, Grand Master.

Number of Lodges 159.

Membership 25,331. Net gain 1,582.

The Proceedings, preceded by an excellent portrait and biography of M.W. Bro. Brown form an interesting volume. Of the Grand Master many good things are written, among them the following—

Greatest of Brother Brown's successes in Masonry was that of presiding over the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons at Portland in June, 1923. His command of the intricate parliamentary details of that session aroused universal admiration, and displayed him in new roles of diplomatist, tactician and master of men.

The 73rd Annual Communication was held in Portland June 13th, 1923, all the Grand Lodge Officers being present, Grand Chaplain Bell, Hon. P.G.M. receiving a special tribute of applause.

A delegation conveyed the greetings of Virginia to Oregon.

Canada was not included among the many Grand Representatives present.

No less than eighteen Past Grand Masters responded to the Roll call.

The Grand Master read a worthy and comprehensive address from which we cull the following—

In this connection the attention of the Grand Lodge should also be called to the very valuable aid rendered to the Grand Master by all the District Deputy Grand Masters.

They bring the Grand Master into close touch with all the lodges in the jurisdiction, and he is by this means enabled immediately to secure reliable information on points of controversy, without a personal visit, which in many cases would be impossible.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge, \$4,000 was appropriated from the unexpended income of the educational fund, to be used as a revolving scholarship fund, to be loaned to needy sons and daughters of Master Masons, to assist them in their education at the University of Oregon and Oregon Agricultural College.

Eighty-one sons and daughters of Master Masons are now receiving aid from this fund, \$980 being distributed monthly for this purpose.

The Square and Compass Club heads all other clubs and is third in the entire list, with an average of 87.11.

A practical suggestion for the use of Grand Lodge funds which has never been passed upon by definite resolution in Canada is the following—

In this connection, I would recommend that the trustees be given authority to loan to any subordinate lodge a definite amount of money for purposes of building a temple, providing that the amount so loaned in one year be in a sum not to exceed the amount of the net income of the Grand Lodge for the preceding year. This would make about \$12,000 available each year for building temples, and on being repaid would be covered into the general fund the same as other money, and not be considered a revolving fund.

With regard to the Masonic Home the Grand Master says—

We are especially fortunate in having a superintendent and matron who are able to adjust themselves to conditions and make everyone happy and contented. Everything about the Home is immaculate, which in an institution of this kind is a condition not easy to maintain.

The sum of \$303,798.01 has been expended on the Home.

And concludes as follows—

“Masonry directs us to divest ourselves of confined and bigoted notions, and teaches us that humanity is the soul of religion.

We mean to travel to the same place; we know that the end of our journey is the same; and we affectionately hope to meet in the lodge of perfect happiness.

So live, that when our summons comes to join
 The innumerable caravan which moves
 To that mysterious realm where each shall take
 His chamber in the silent halls of death.
 We go, not like the quarry slave at night,
 Scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed
 By an unfaltering trust, approach our grave
 Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
 About him and lies down to pleasant dreams.

The address of Grand Orator W. C. Winslow on The Builders is a notable document and was ordered to be read in each constituent Lodge during the year. Space will only permit the following extract which simply whet the literary appetite for more—

Building is a subject of much interest to Masons. A Mason is a builder. All our great teachings and principles, exemplified in the several degrees through which we pass, are symbolic of the practical builder. Our working tools are the tools of the builder.

How many of us have resigned ourselves to the idea that we should energize ourselves spiritually on the Sabbath day, and then run through the week on stored energy? To attempt this is like building our stone structure with six out of every seven stones faulty.

The most that we can do will be all too small.

No man is great 'til he can see
How less than little he would be
If stripped to self, and stark and bare
He hung his sign out everywhere.

America's hero sleeps in Arlington; his name is unknwn, and yet he is well known. He may be one of our own craft; we do not know, but we do know that he laid all—all this world holds dear, hopes, ambitions, aspirations, friends, loved ones—yes, life itself on the altar of genuine service to his country. How fitting that we do him honor!

It's sharing sorrow and work and mirth,
And making better this good old earth;
It's serving striving through strain and stress,
It's doing your Noblest—that's Success!

I plead for a new patriotism, a patriotism which places human life above material wealth.

And the question ever riseth as portentous signs we trace,
What will the final outcome be, and what the saving grace?
And Masonry makes answer with its never changing plan—
The Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man.

The Eastern Star appears to take a special interest in the administration of the Masonic Home and their services were secured for the future by agreement.

The Deputy Grand Master of British Columbia was welcomed and made an admirable acknowledgement.

The Report of the Foreign Correspondent, M.W. Bro. David P. Mason is included in a supplement.

An edict was passed declaring that one year must elapse after receiving the Master Mason Degree and the showing suitable proficiency therein before applying for membership in any Order of Fraternal Society of Masonic qualifications. The document was animated and is reported verbatim.

An amendment to the Constitution similar in effect to that passed by our own Grand Lodge received the required two-third majority and reads as follows—

Section 139B. No Master Mason, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall promote, organize or become a member of any order or fraternal society, hereafter established in this jurisdiction, whose qualification for membership is that of being a Master Mason, unless such order or fraternal society shall have received the sanction, indorsement or recognition of this Grand Lodge.

The funeral service was revised and is printed in full. Our Canadian service should also receive the attention of Grand Lodge and the service at the grave especially should be shortened.

The Loan Fund for students was increased to \$6,000 and is doing a great work.

Several meetings for laying corner-stones and other objects are recorded under the title "Occasional Grand Lodge."

Deceased Brethren receive a worthy tribute to their memory.

George T. Cochran, LaGrande, M.W. Grand Master.

D. Rufus Cheney, Portland, R.W. Grand Secretary.

OREGON (Supplement).

The Report of M.W. Brother David P. Mason, P.G.M. Grand Foreign Correspondent is issued in a separate volume of 182 closely printed pages and much emphasis is put upon this part of the Proceedings throughout. We append some gleanings from the gleaner, who in his introduction makes this commentary upon current conditions—

The wheel of Masonic life in this jurisdiction has completed another revolution, and we are one year forward on our march of progress.

As in most established organizations, there has been a clash of opinions between the progressives and stand-patters. This is, perhaps, most noticeable in the matter of physical qualification of candidates.

There is a decided tendency in many Grand Lodges to leave this matter to the Master, always remembering that character counts for much.

The need of Masonic education has been admitted universally, and almost every jurisdiction is doing something along that line.

The Masonic Service Association, to which thirty-four Grand Lodges belong, furnished lectures and educational films to many lodges, while a few jurisdictions have their own educational programs.

No organization can prosper without looking to the future, and a sympathetic interest in young life lays the foundation for future success, both for them and our order.

"A spirit of pardonable pride in the lineage, service and accomplishments" of symbolic Masonry seems to prevail throughout the various Grand jurisdictions, and with it there is a realization that with added opportunities in this present time there is added responsibility.

Under Alabama he comments as follows—

This paragraph from the Grand Master's address on Education, is too strong to be left out of this review:

Our public schools, controlled by the state, freed from private, clerical or ecclesiastical influence, become the great melting pot, wherein the children of all nationalities gather together. Here, freed from ignorance, prejudice and superstition, their minds begin to awaken, unfold and broaden, and old credulities and superstitious are cast aside. Here, old fallacies and notions, brought from a foreign land as to the divine right of kings or as to ecclesiastical power, are abandoned. Here, a new view of liberty and freedom is imparted, and a new, an American citizenship is created.

He pays particular attention to our own sister Grand Lodge of Alberta and reprints the poem of which the following are two verses—

"Not what we have, but what we use;
Not what we see, but what we choose—
These are the things that mar or bless
The sun of human happiness.

"Not what seems fair, but what is true,
Not what we dream, but what we do—
These are the things that shine like gems,
Like stars in fortune's diadems.

His Commentary upon Canada which is cordial and generous, includes the following with reference to your present correspondent, then Grand Master—

"The Grand Master thinks his Grand jurisdiction, the tenth, numerically, in the world, should establish a home, hospital and school.

He gave some good suggestions on attendance, and the things in a lodge meeting that attract attendance."

The officers should be men of light and leadership, and fill every minute with snappy, forceful work, drawing out latent talent.

Take a brother with you. Rain or shine, commence on time and have all your members realize that at every regular meeting one-half hour will be specially featured along educational or inspirational lines, led by brethren whose pride it will be to prepare and share.

The unveiling of the monument of the first Grand Master, M.W. Brother, Colonel William Mercer Wilson, was a notable event of the year. He died in 1875, a gallant soldier, upright judge and exemplary Mason. A picture of the monument is reproduced in the proceedings. Of the veterans in Masonic service, the Grand Master speaks beautifully.

They have nothing of age, save its dignity and experience and respect and that loving, if not demonstrative regard which we all feel—deep in our hearts and minds—for those men of mellow maturity who blazed the trail and bore the burdens in our early formative and constructive years. Our grateful greetings to them:

"Who down the slopes of sunset lead,
As up the hills of morn."

Under the head of "Buoyancy," the Grand Master says a number of things worth repeating.

He gives friendly greeting also to M. W. Bro. Harcourt on his presentation and to R.W. Bro. Brown on his Report.

From Manitoba he mines many nuggets, among them the following—

The question of war memorials was mentioned by the Grand Master, and we heartily agree with him when he says:

We must continue to use our influence to see that these memorials are artistic in design, masterly in execution and worthy of those whose memory they are intended to keep green, so that the effect of Canada's tangible tribute to her heroes, whether utilitarian or artistic, will be inspiring and educative and in keeping with the love and honor she holds for them in her heart.

And he finds in Saskatchewan a rich field from which we harvest this extract—

Most Worshipful Brother W. L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, in words of great eloquence conveyed a message of such convincing appeal that

it will long live in the memories of those privileged to hear him. He said in part:

The five ideals of brotherhood, which our American brethren are striving to attain, were elucidated as follows: Religious liberty; equality before the law; equality of opportunity, whereby every member of the human family may be encouraged to realize the potentialities of his God-given endowment; the dignity of labor; and, lastly, charity, in the broadest sense of the term.

PENNSYLVANIA

Abraham M. Beitler, R.W. Grand Master.

Membership 193,659. Increase 7,145.

Number of Lodges 541.

The Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge were held March 7th, June 6th, September 5th and December 5th, 1923.

A fine reproduction of the engraving of the noble Masonic Temple in Philadelphia which was the forerunner and inspiration of all that have followed and also the handsome features of R.W. Bro. Roberts, the Grand Treasurer, adorn the early part of this substantial volume of Proceedings.

Universal regret was expressed and a fine Memorial Address was given in connection with the lamented death of R.W. Bro. Past Grand Master, John S. Sell, who wrote his influence broad and deep upon his Grand Lodge.

Equally sincere was the eulogy on the life of the late Bro. John Wanamaker, the great captain of Industry and Master of hearts.

From the minute on the records regarding him we extract the following—

To submit a truthful minute for our records of as great a character as John Wanamaker is an obligation enjoined by our history, as being the oldest Grand Lodge in the Western World. When that is supplemented by personal affection for the subject, it becomes a sacred duty, and the grief over our loss is, in a measure, assuaged by our pride in his companionship while he was with us.

Wide as was his knowledge of the world, when he became interested in Freemasonry, a new vision of usefulness was opened to him. His first inquiry was, why does this Ancient and Honorable Fraternity exist—what is its history, mission and purpose?

There was an indefinable charm in its records that appealed to him so as to make him a profound Masonic student and the memorial of his zeal is preserved to us in our library and museum.

Everything he said was expressed with clarity and force in simple Saxon words, and everything he did had a single meaning.

At the Quarterly held September 5th, Deputy Grand Master Goodyear, who will be well remembered for his eloquent speech delivered at the Luncheon at the King Edward, at our Grand Lodge in July last, made a report upon bequests for the wonderful Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown and the Grand Master gave a resumé of the history of the Masonic Temple and Freemasonry in Pennsylvania for the last fifty years. It is worthy of note that the Grand Master of Canada attended on the 26th of September, 1873 the dedication of this Temple.

From the conclusion of the Grand Master's address we take the following—

It demonstrates that success comes to the man or the Grand Lodge which dares. It shows that when our Grand Lodge has undertaken something really big, the Brethren have backed the enterprise.

For what has been achieved during the past fifty years, we owe a debt to those Brethren who planned and initiated the building of our magnificent Temple, and who conceived and put into execution the establishment of the Masonic Homes now visited annually by thousands and universally commended.

We owe also to our Heavenly Father our reverent thanks for His goodness.

At the Quarterly on December 5th Bro. Samuel M. Goodyear was unanimously elected Grand Master, Bro. Beitler declining re-election and Bro. William M. Hamilton was elected Deputy Grand Master. This reviewer knows from repeated personal contact with these Brethren that the whole Craft may be proud and glad in the worthy honours they have attained at the hands of their Brethren.

From the Report of the Committee on Appeals we take the following note of warning as applicable in Canada as in Pennsylvania—

Our portals must be jealously guarded, and the guards on whom we rely in the first line of defence are the recommenders and the Committees of Inquiry.

The Committee ventures the suggestion that steps should be taken to guard as well as can be against such supine negligence, and recommends either a questionnaire be adopted to accompany each petition, or that the form of the recommendation be changed so as to require the recommenders to state that they believe the petitioner to be worthy, and that their belief is based upon personal knowledge of the petitioner.

The signature of that genial good comrade and Brother, Joseph E. Quinby to the Report of the Committee on the Temple is a guarantee of its excellence and good substance. Some idea of his labor of love with his good colleagues, may be gathered from the following paragraph—

Eight thousand three hundred and twenty persons were conducted on pilgrimages through the Temple by the Guide and Secretary of the Committee on Temple.

The conclusion of the splendid Report on the Homes with which from the Grand Master to the youngest member all are identified in Pennsylvania, is worthy of reproducing and perpetuating. Here it is—

More and more our Homes are coming to be recognized as typifying the very spirit of Masonry. Let us see to it that the good work thus begun does not lag! let us rejoice that we are privileged to share in an endeavor to translate the spirit of Masonry, and let us make it a real vital force. Then our Homes will become a living force, providing not only a haven of refuge for the needy, but also will be a monument to the teachings of our splendid Fraternity. Then our Homes will become a place where youth may enjoy the means of hopeful endeavor and our aged guests may have the comforts which befit the setting sun of well-spent lives.

The reward awaiting us for our part in this benevolent work will be the consciousness that we have been privileged to thus share in this labor of love. May every Brother assume the fullest measure of responsibility and give to the work his best.

The Grand Lodge of Porto Rico was duly recognized at the Annual Grand Communication, which was held at Philadelphia, December 27th, 1923.

Grand Representatives of Delaware, New Jersey, Virginia and Canada were received with Grand Honors.

With regard to the K.K.K. and kindred Organizations we take the following splendidly generous proclamation of tolerance from the address of Grand Master Beitler. Surely this ought to disarm the unwarranted criticisms of some, thank God not all, of our Catholic friends—

The man or set of men who attempt to punish the Jew for adhering to the faith of his fathers, or the Catholic for loyalty to his church are denying to both a right recognized by our forefathers as being the dearest possession anyone can have. They placed it beyond the reach of legislation. Nothing but a change in the fundamental law can deprive the Jew or the Catholic of his right to freedom of conscience.

There can be no such thing in this great Republic of ours as an overturning of law by mob violence if we are to continue to enjoy the blessings of liberty.

Nor can the constitution or the statutes be defied by any group of men. Obedience to the law is the foundation-stone upon which the structure of our Government rests.

Masonry is based on respect for law, regard for the rights of others, and a recognition of the fact that liberty of conscience is and always has been written into the fundamental law of the land.

Among his recommendations and incitements of caution are the following—

Its prestige is injured every time an unworthy man is approved and initiated. The rank and file must be made to appreciate that the admission of one bad man to a Lodge does more harm than the admission of a dozen good men does good. No Brother should recommend a petitioner unless he possesses knowledge of the applicant, his residence, his family relationships and his standing in the community. To recommend a petitioner without careful inquiry is as serious a matter as to recommend an unworthy man, knowing him to be unworthy.

Among his decisions we extract this one as worthy of note—

Set aside the action of Barger Lodge No. 325, in remitting the dues of two stewards and three auditors for services rendered, and thirteen clergymen or ministers of the Gospel, for the reason that Masonic law does not provide that they are to be salaried officers, nor did the By-Laws of the Lodge so provide.

Pennsylvania enjoys the address of both the retiring Grand Master and the Grand Master-elect. R.W. Bro. Goodyear summed up the past and gave a beacon light for the future in a fine address to the brethren, the character of which may be judged from the following sentences—

Knowledge is power, and knowledge of what Masonry is and what a true Mason should be, supplies our Craft the power it should have in promoting, through its individual members, the well-being of society.

In the preservation and perpetuation of Masonry constructive work is certainly needed.

Let us ever remember "we are traveling upon the level of time toward that undiscovered country, from whose bourne no traveler returns," and let us see to it that we daily practise those virtues we seek to teach, and when for us the "silver cord be loosed," or "the golden bowl be broken" may we have the consciousness of duty well done and be accepted as "living stones in that spiritual temple, that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens."

The Correspondence Report is in the able hands of R.W. Bro. Thomas F. Penman as chairman of a committee, the other members of which are Brothers Smith, Cunningham, Patterson and Fisher. Their report is full of thoughtful comments and discriminating selections—

Alberta as usual, gives him and gives us something good and practical—

At none of these gatherings was the social hour marred by the recital or narration of questionable stories or incidents. That was as it should be; it sometimes happens that Brethren of dignity and refinement leave a Masonic banquet with a bad impression due to the poor taste of a speaker who mistakes vulgarity for wit and humor. The Masonic festive board should always be a place for the purest thought and clean words.

We cannot resist reproducing for the Brethren our colleague's kind and encouraging comments on our Grand Lodge meeting of 1923, in part at least, for he generously gives to Canada five pages of his valued space, which we gratefully appreciate—

It was a notable occasion in Grand Lodge for the presence—as visitors—of a number of very distinguished members of the Craft. Among them may be mentioned Grand Master Beitler and Deputy Grand Master Goodyear of Pennsylvania.

In honor of their visit and in appreciation of their standing in, and service to Masonry, Grand Lodge voted to confer upon them the rank of Past Grand Master and Past Deputy Grand Master respectively.

Both of them addressed the Brethren in a happy and appropriate manner, emphasizing the cordial relations existing between the two Grand Lodges. It was somewhat of an anomaly, which was noted by Brother Beitler, that he should acquire the honor and rank of Past Grand Master before it could be conferred upon him by his own Grand Lodge.

Another distinguished visiting Mason was The Right Honorable Lord Ampthill, Pro Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, who, for obvious reasons, was the lion of the occasion. His address to the Brethren was most impressive. Declaring that the heart of Freemasonry beats in the same way in Great Britain and Canada.

Time and space forbid us to attempt to do justice to the official address of Grand Master Ponton. It is voluminous; it expresses a high conception of Freemasonry and an intelligent grasp of its functions, as well as constructive skill in administration. Where we cannot agree with him in some matters of Masonic doctrine, we must at least pay tribute to the courage of his convictions. This he displayed when discussing the landmark (we insist that it is a landmark), of physical perfection, which Canada set aside for all candidates for Masonry, prompted by the claims of wounded soldiers.

With regard to Bodies which, though composed of our kith and kin, are not kindred, he says—

Of course there were weak spots in the Masonic structure which needed protective inspection and correction. The Grand Master described one of them as "violation of secrecy and the leakage of transactions of the Lodges through divided allegiance and thoughtlessness." This is how he accounted for much of it—(note the diplomacy—perhaps we should say chivalry—of his words)—with regard to the Eastern Star.

As to the Order of *De Molay* we are glad that we ventured the suggestion which went "home" to our colleague—

The Grand Master's reference to the Order of *De Molay* was favorable to its aims to teach "the seven-fold virtues;" but he appeared to believe that its ritual should be pruned and simplified, and the "spectacular degree" omitted. The suggestion is worthy of very serious consideration; other comments we have heard are not favorable to the second section of the ritual.

As to our almost envious tribute to the splendid sovereign power exercised by the Grand Master of

Pennsylvania, we find that we are unconsciously the "power behind the throne." He says—

We can assure Brother Ponton that Masonry in Pennsylvania is quite democratic in government; and therefore his allusion to the "Throne" from which justice and mercy are dispensed is more or less of a solecism! Thrones are not a part of Masonic furniture in Pennsylvania; they are too suggestive of autocracy.

Again he sympathizes with us in the remark: "Physical disqualifications still hold, we regret to note, in Pennsylvania." Again we quote from our Constitution: "The Grand Lodge has the power to enact Laws and Regulations for the government of the Craft, and to alter and repeal such Laws and regulations; but it cannot change, alter or destroy the Ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry." To be sure, Brother Ponton does not admit that physical perfection is an Ancient Landmark; we claim it is, so there you are!

England proved most attractive to our reviewer and he vividly reproduced their transactions. Among them the following referring to the new Grand Senior Warden, the Duke of York—

I am happy to think that the great connection which has existed between my family and Freemasonry is continued by the appointment of his brother, the Duke of York (applause). I am specially desired by him to express his very deep regret that he is not with us this evening. I think we may condone the offence (laughter).

The allusion to the Duke of York's absence at this time was no doubt suggested by the fact that he was then on his honeymoon.

With regard to a motion relaxing the war policy of non-intercourse with a certain Grand Lodge and Lodges, the President of the Board of General Purposes said—

We do not agree that it is necessary in any way to modify those resolutions in order to preserve the peace and harmony which, thanks to those resolutions, have up to now been maintained. We put it to Grand Lodge that, in the present state of opinion which we cannot resist, either as Masons or as citizens, we cannot say that the passions of war have disappeared with the war itself. We cannot be asked to forget all that passed during the great strife (applause).

Under Florida we find the following—

Brother Wright regrets the large number of fraternal orders organized in recent years and grafted on Masonry, some of which, in behalf of the women members, require

relationship to some member of a Masonic Lodge. Among such, not so well known in Pennsylvania, are "Job's Daughters," located in certain western states; the "Rainbow Girls," for young girls from fourteen to eighteen years of age, located in the State of Washington; and the "Ancient Egyptian Order of Sciots," popular in California and neighboring states. Masonry may be at a loss some day to recognize her clamoring progeny.

New Jersey gives opportunity for this rallying banter with a vein of seriousness running through—

Brother Shirrefs hopes that their Grand Lodge will never "publicly admit" that it is "liable to serious interference in its procedure from these dames." It did publicly admit it in 1872, and judging from the subsequent rapid evolution of, and insistent demands for "woman's rights" in very direction of life's activities, the Jersey Brethren may have occasion to again "take occasion to protect themselves by definite legislation"—unless they succumb to the charms and pleas of "these dames" and consent that regular Masonry shall be "androgynous."

Our colleague's Conclusion is full of meat as the following sentences will testify—

It has been the keynote of nearly all the Grand Masters' official addresses to their Grand Lodges, and leaders therein have been moving towards concrete plans to accomplish it. A new era in Masonry appears to be dawning; there is a promise that the Masonic organization is finding itself. A child (the novice is but a child in Masonry) will not acquire a sufficient education unless he is furnished with a school and competent instructors. Lacking such facilities, it is not strange that the average young Mason finds the Lodge dull and unattractive—after the novelty is worn off—and looks about for other sources of light and knowledge. Men of this generation demand action; if they find inertia in a movement with which they affiliate, it soon fails to hold their interest; there must be "something doing."

Samuel M. Goodyear, Philadelphia,
R.W. Grand Master.

John A. Perry, Philadelphia,
R.W. Grand Secretary.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

15 Lodges. 1,140 Members.

The 48th Annual Communication was held at Charlottetown on June 27, 1923, M.W. Bro. J. M. Murley presiding. The whole Grand Lodge jurisdiction is numerically about one half that of one of our

own Districts and a study of the proceedings makes the outsider wonder whether a Grand Lodge organization is really necessary in a case of this kind. But no doubt the political autonomy idea is being carried to its logical conclusion.

The Grand Master does not share the conservative attitude of many of his confreres towards the Eastern Star. He says:

"There are three Chapters of the Eastern Star in this jurisdiction, and since the wives and other near kindred of the Masons in Charlottetown have become allied under a Charter, it is only fair to say that there has been a pronounced change for the better on the social side of Masonry—a change which I have reason to believe is apparent in the districts where the other two Chapters are located. A survey of the charitable work they are doing as an organization must endear them to us as members of our own families and entitle them to our admiration and respect as an institution."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is a very brief one and the Grand Master refers to the subject in these words:

"To broaden our outlook and make our contact with these leaders living and aggressive, a full and thorough report on Foreign Correspondence, compiled by a competent and earnest Committee would appear to be most desirable if not absolutely necessary. From time to time we are confronted with questions of outstanding Masonic importance and a thorough knowledge of the attitude assumed by sister jurisdictions on such questions would prove invaluable in determining what course to pursue. This is especially applicable to the subject of orphanages, hospitals and other benevolent enterprises as well as physical qualifications, returned soldiers and such like subjects.

A good up-to-date report on Foreign Correspondence printed annually with our Proceedings and placed in the hands of the members of this Grand Lodge would enable the Craft to deal with and dispose of many weighty matters fairly and intelligently."

P.G.M. Doull's report on Foreign Correspondence is an interesting review of the various groups of symbolic Masonry and of the numerous additions and appendages that have been built on the foundation stone of the Craft Lodge. He has a kind word to say of the Shrine because of their practical scheme of benevolence in equipping and maintaining a chain of

hospitals for the relief or cure of crippled or deformed children.

"It is certainly a great tribute to Masonry that these men even at play bubble over with sympathy and relief for stricken humanity—those unfortunate little ones who through no fault of their own are so handicapped in the struggle for livelihood and happiness; and presents one argument for the toleration of these extraneous appendages."

T. S.

QUEENSLAND.

The second annual report of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland is for the year ended June 1923. The proceedings are not easy to follow as four quarterly meetings were held and there is no complete statement showing the lodges and membership. There are parts of the report that are not pleasant reading. M.W. Bro. A. Corrie, who had been elected the first Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge, and the Board of General Purposes, did not work in harmony. The two questions upon which differences of opinion arose were the petition for a new lodge at Port Moresby, New Guinea, and the arrangements for the installation of a successor to the Grand Master. M.W. Bro. Charles Stumm was installed as G.M. on August 10, 1922, by M.W. Bro. F. T. Hickford, Pro Grand Master of Victoria.

At the quarterly meeting in December, 1922, a resolution to carry out the following report of the Board of General Purposes was discussed, and voted down:

The wearing of Masonic jewels was considered by the Board, when it was decided that the jewel of a Mark Master or Royal Arch, or any higher degree cannot be worn in a Craft Lodge.

An extract from the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England, June, 1922, is quoted and is worth setting down here for our own guidance:

It is clearly to be understood that Lodges are established not to do honor to individual brethren or to secure them higher Masonic rank, but to promote the principles of Freemasonry and the general good of the Craft. Those wishing to found a Lodge should be prepared to establish the necessity for its existence, and the assurance of its permanence.

No attempt should be made by any form of pressure to obtain signatures to the petition, and a large number of signatures is not to be aimed at. . . . No brother who has not been a Master Mason three years should sign, and it is undesirable that any brother should do so who is not prepared actively to assist in the conduct of the proposed lodge.

The desired title should be ample and appropriate; and if the proposed Lodge has a special character, this should be signified by the name. A Lodge should not be named after any brother, living or dead, unless he is, or has been, of the highest eminence in the Craft.

T. S.

QUEBEC.

79 Lodges. 13,206 Members.

The 54th annual communication was held in Montreal on Feb. 13th and 14th, 1924. M.W. Bro. Allan P. Shatford presiding.

The committee on the Grand Master's address refers to it as follows:

Exhaustive in its detailed record of an exceptionally active term of service, covering a twelve-month period of much historic importance to Masonry in this jurisdiction—depicting remarkable advances in the progress of the Craft—abounding in wise, practical and fraternal counsel and pleasantly presented precepts—the address affords more food for reflection than can be fully assimilated by all of us during the session of Grand Lodge and invites much closer and more minute examination than can be properly given to it by your Committee during the time allotted for the purpose.

M.W. Bro. Shatford spared neither time nor trouble and found no distances too great to travel in rendering service to the cause of Masonry. The consecration of new lodges and many other official visits involved many tedious journeys, extending over seven thousand miles, some of them to the remotest limits of his jurisdiction, and others to the North Sydney, N.S., and Alexandria, Va. At the latter place he was present when the corner stone was laid for the Washington Masonic Memorial.

The Grand Master has this to say about physical qualifications:

When a candidate is recommended for his mental and moral qualifications it is difficult to raise the physical barrier. And yet these are our landmarks! I have followed the prin-

ciple of granting a dispensation where the disqualification did not hinder the candidate's complying with the ritual, but I have no right to grant permission for a man's admission into the Order if his disabilities are so great that the ancient landmarks have to be set aside or ignored. I have taken the pains to satisfy myself by personal interview before dealing with specific cases, but it would obviate painful decisions if the brethren proceeded more cautiously in the matter of recommending candidates.

The outstanding feature of the year was the campaign for a Memorial Masonic Temple to be erected in Montreal. "It writes the figures 1923 in imperishable letters upon the Masonic record of this jurisdiction! The project was ably conceived, masterfully handled and grandly consummated." The objective was exceeded by nearly \$250,000.

The Committee on the address thinks that every lodge in the Province should be the better for hearing what the Grand Master has to say on "Masonic Charity" and suggests that the reading of this portion of the address in open lodge be made a special order to every W.M. in the jurisdiction. We quote the portion referred to:

Sometimes I go apart and make inquiry with myself as to whether I have comprehended the meaning of Charity. I come out of that examination-room with grave misgivings. Are we really understanding the deeper aspects of our distinguishing characteristic? Is charity so poor a thing as the miserable doles that we so grudgingly administer to our unfortunate brethren? Can we look at the sums voted for benevolence and contrast them with the amounts expended on the Fourth Degree without a sting of conscience? Has Masonry developed into self-seeking and forgotten her primary and essential character? It is with a grave sense of responsibility that I urge this matter upon your attention. I yield to no man in my love of social fellowship—my heart grows mellow and warm under the gracious touch of the banquet hall. But I am often ashamed when I hear the treasurer's statement or listen once again to that compelling lecture on "Charity." Is it always necessary to have the Fourth Degree? May we not now and again sit down to a frugal fare and vote the balance to the aid of a needy brother? No one doubts the joy of entertaining guests—there are few virtues so sweet in exercise as hospitality. But do we not become sometimes a bit embarrassed, not to say annoyed, when we witness the same list of visitors crowding all the supper tables? This matter is so delicate that one fears he may injure the very cause he would help but he dare not be silent on that account. It has become a by-word in certain places that the visitors almost outnumber the hosts. Is that what we mean by the exercise of Charity?

My brethren, these things ought not so to be. In order that my point may be made abundantly clear I force home this question, would you honestly like to have the general public see your balance sheet, with its tens of dollars for charity and its hundreds for the Junior Warden's account.

There is, however, a deeper charity than even this. We have only skirted the outer borders of this spacious word when we confine it to material things. It is the mental and spiritual interpretation which is the heart of the virtue. No man is truly charitable until he gives himself—his thought, his sympathy, his aspirations, his character. "The gift without the giver is bare." A man may part with his money and surrender nothing of himself. The coin tossed to the beggar is unworthy of the name of Charity. It is when our material possession is accompanied by our thoughtfulness, our interest, our personal sympathy, that it becomes radiant and life-giving. Understanding is more valuable than the mines of Kimberley. We talk glibly and smoothly of our "brothers," but what is it to be a real brother to a man? It is something more than the possession of common words and tokens, a deeper thing than outward membership in the same Order. It is a mutual sympathy, an exchange of thoughts and ideals, a correspondence in character. Charity makes all these things possible—it is the golden key that unlocks the doors and admits us into the inner sanctuary of the soul. It removes prejudice from the mind and creates a tolerance of other men's opinions. It knows nothing of barriers, it mocks at separating walls and overlaps dividing fences. In every man it finds something admirable. Charity is the clear vision which enables a man to see his own weaknesses and compels his compassion for others who make mistakes like unto his own. It cures all self-despisings, because love knows that there is something divine and immortal within. Masonry stresses the high and imperishable part of man and teaches him to discover a similar quality in others. The whole of Masonry is summed up in one divine, radiant word called "Charity" which is only another way of pronouncing "Love." The world stands sorely in need of it today. When the nations seem ringed with hate, mistrust, greed, selfishness, we ought to proclaim with insistent voice and abundant life this crowning, conquering, captivating grace of Charity. Only let us be sure that we give it the full-orbed significance that I have so imperfectly tried to image for you.'

Canada's meeting in Toronto in 1923 is reviewed and particular reference is made to the visit of Lord Amphyll.

T. S.

RHODE ISLAND

Norris Greenleaf Abbott, M.W. Grand Master.

Membership 16,257.

Net increase 821.

The firm yet pleasing countenance of Grand Master Abbott occupies a worthy title page of the proceedings, which to give it its full and rotund completeness, is as follows—"Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of The Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations during its One Hundred and Thirty-Second Year."

A special Communication and the semi-annual Communication are recorded and the semi-annual appears to furnish a very useful purpose within that crowded State of small areas but large deals in clearing off much of the work and keeping the touch.

Among the particulars given by the Commissioners of Trials is the following, which is unusual even in our life of human drama—

It appears that said—————came of a long line of Christian ancestors, of the sternest integrity and the strictest honesty; that at the time of the commission of the offense the family fortune, which had once been large, was dwindling, due to the decrease of the business in which said fortune was invested.

We believe that Mr.—————has led a correct and exemplary life for the past eight years, since his pardon, and in fact all his life with the exception of the offense above referred to.

The new Masonic Temple fund comes in for considerable attention and discussion.

The annual Communication was opened in ample form in Providence, May 21, 1923, when M.W. Bro. William N. Ponton, who is proud to write this review, was escorted into Grand Lodge, welcomed, accorded Grand honours and seated in the east.

The Grand Master of Connecticut, accompanied by his colleagues, was also welcomed and honored.

From the wonderfully comprehensive and informing address of Grand Master Abbott we could with advantage to the Craft cull pages, but space limits us to paragraphs, of which the following are commended for perusal to the Brethren—

In the vast order of things, we are called upon to act our part as a cog in the wheel of time which moves steadily forward,

ever advancing toward the Ideal and Perfection of the plans which the Supreme Architect of the Universe has designed upon the Trestle Board of Life.

“To each is given a bag of tools,
A shapeless mass, and a book of rules.
And each must make, e'er time be flown
A stumbling block or a stepping stone.”

To Masons the hope of Immortality has ever been the fruition of a well spent life.

So our Brethren who have kept the faith and have now received the rewards that await all true and devoted followers of the Great Architect of the Universe, leave with us memories dear, the record of duty well performed and the inspiration to rededicate our lives to the service of mankind.

Recognition of Grand Lodges in the past has usually resulted by the favorable recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Grand Lodge has no particular standard of requirements governing such recognition, nor has it adopted specific rules for the guidance of its varying committees.

The increase and expansion of Freemasonry abroad and in the Latin countries calls for action on our part to the end that we may definitely state our position relating to such bodies.

Applications for affiliation are being received from members of lodges with which we are not in fraternal correspondence and yet whom we have not interdicted.

With regard to changing and advancing conditions he gives us the following—

The average initiation fee for the State is \$66.00.

Our General-Regulations, Article 2, Section 3, provides \$25.00 as a minimum fee. With the increase in all costs and the corresponding decrease in the purchasing power of a dollar, it would seem that our minimum fee is too low, and inconsistent with the money value of to-day. The last three lodges constituted require \$75.00 or more for the degrees.

Under inter-State visitations he comments—

These visits provide an opportunity to discuss common problems and tend toward co-operation in the development of the practical work in Freemasonry. It is earnestly hoped that the exchange of visits with these jurisdictions in which we have so many good friends, will be continued.

The Masonic Service Board co-operating with the Masonic Service Association of the U. S. is doing great work as witness the following—

The year has been one of activity and the great amount of service rendered by this agency proves it to be an indispensable asset of the Craft.

This year has seen the installation of the Traveling Library System.

The Employment Agency of the Board has also done good work. Many brethren have been given employment and employers have, in a great many instances, found that our Agency could supply their needs.

As a part of the Educational program, a monthly pamphlet was sent to the Master, Wardens and Secretary of each subordinate lodge. These pamphlets covered Masonic History and Jurisprudence and were found of great value as a course of preliminary reading and instruction.

Under Masonic burials we are reminded that our own Ritual especially that at the grave, requires amendment and curtailment generally. We agree with the following—

There is a growing tendency to escape the responsibility of a Masonic funeral. Officers of the lodges are busy men and the Master finds it extremely difficult to secure the necessary quota for such occasions. Many times the hour for the service is fixed without consulting the Master of the lodge, or an out-of-town commitment requires a whole day's time. While these conditions are incident to the occasion, they, nevertheless, have a deterrent effect.

Masonic Burial is a right which belongs to every brother, and it is our bounden duty to perform this last service whenever it is properly requested. The service, moreover, should be dignified and impressive, giving the ritual in an accurate and sympathetic manner. Looseness and careless conduct at such times is not only unbecoming our Institution, but should, under no circumstances, be countenanced. It is for the Master to have his Officers and as many members as possible, in attendance and to see that they appear in proper clothing.

A Masonic Burial means just what it says, and it is self-evident that at such, the profane cannot participate.

His belief in the Masonic Service Association is justified by their work and leadership—

This has been a year of action and progress for the Association.

The extensive program on the Trestle Board has been developed and its true value is now being realized.

Our own Grand Historian should receive inspiration from Rhode Island. The Grand Master says—

Discoveries of importance are not confined to the Valley of the Kings, or far off lands. It seems strange that this building could contain a document that, as far as can be learned, has never been examined and was not even known to be in existence.

This document has been photographed for reproduction, copy attached, and it is hoped that fac-simile will be printed in connection with this article.

It is so printed with clear and artistic finish—

Under physical qualifications and “perfect youth” the Grand Master says—

The day of the Operative is past and with it go the rules and regulations that controlled their actions which were intended for them and for them only. If all these Charges are landmarks, Masonry today would contain the actual requirements of the Operative and would be no longer a Speculative Society.

Gould, the most authentic historian of Freemasonry, says that:

“The dogma of physical perfection has been evolved since the introduction of Masonry into what has become the United States from England during the first or second quarters of the eighteenth Century.”

Subsequently a new standing order was passed by Grand Lodge as follows—

“*Ordered*, The physical qualification of a candidate shall be determined by the subordinate Lodge receiving the petition, and the several Lodges are enjoined to satisfy themselves in each case, of the ability of the candidate to understand and explain or exemplify the secrets of the Craft when properly called upon, and of the ability of the candidate to support himself and his dependents.”

With regard to the legal Incorporation of Lodges which appears to have found favor in some States the Grand Master rules—

It is certainly contrary to our vows to allow our lodges to remain in a position that will make impossible the enforcement of our own Constitution. If the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island is to remain sovereign over the Craft in this jurisdiction, it is essential that the lodges act under no authority but that of Grand Lodge. This means that lodge corporations should dissolve.

And the following standing orders were subsequently passed—

Ordered, That no subordinate Lodge shall apply for, receive or act under any corporate charter granted by any civil government.

Ordered, That all Lodges that are now incorporated under civil charters dissolve said corporations prior to the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

Under Education he says—

At a time when the enlightenment of our newly admitted brethren is essential, when an understanding of our traditions, history and symbolism is of almost paramount importance, it would be proper, and an incentive to study our Craft, if "The Builders," or in fact, any recognized book on Freemasonry were presented to candidates upon signing the By-Laws of a lodge.

And he closes a wonderful summary of duty done with the following—

The time is at hand when Freemasonry must live by its deeds rather than by its traditions.

In these days of unrest, untried experiments and unsound doctrines, the call of humanity is a challenge to every Master Mason. It is a call to translate our teachings into practical service.

It is a call for each of us to so act in our daily lives that our example will be for the upbuilding of the community in which we live. It is a call that requires individual initiative. If our civic, economical and industrial problems are to be solved successfully, it will be by the application of Masonic tenets and teachings.

The Ideals of Freemasonry are the ideals of all humanity and it is only by our personal endeavor that they may be realized.

Our Fraternity is facing a great responsibility.

Canada was represented by R.W. Bro. Clarence P. Bearce.

Grand Master Ponton was called upon to address the Grand Lodge and this generous comment was given by our comrades in Rhode Island.

Brother Ponton responds eloquently and happily to the delight and appreciation of the brethren.

The Committee on Jurisprudence conclude with the following tribute—

In conclusion, the Committee desires to congratulate the Grand Master upon the completion of a year of faithful service.

If it was not already a matter of general knowledge, the Address itself would eloquently evidence the remarkable industry and efficiency of the Grand Master. Every activity in which Grand Lodge is engaged or interested appears to have had consideration and its affairs have been conducted in a thoroughly businesslike and in an unusually efficient manner.

The report of the Deputy Grand Master, Arthur G. Newell, now Grand Master, as Delegate to the meeting of the Masonic Service Association of the United States held at Kansas City is full of interest. Evidently they know how to kindle the fire of enthusiasm.

R.W. Bro. J. F. Reid of Windsor is the representative of Rhode Island near our Grand Lodge.

We wish that our friends in this gallant little State would with us share the pleasure of a Fraternal Correspondence Report. Meanwhile we wish them well and especially the old friends like Abbott, Newell, Williams, Scott, Solomon, De Wolf, Knight and Lawton and the many other good men and true of Providence, Pawtucket and other centers, personal contact with whom makes us realize the truth of the motto of the old house in Chester—"God's Providence is mine inheritance."

Arthur G. Newell, Pawtucket, M.W. Grand Master.

S. Penrose Williams, Providence, R.W. Grand Secretary.

SASKATCHEWAN

168 Lodges. 12,392 Members.

The 17th Annual Communication convened in Moose Jaw, June 20, 1823, M.W. Bro. A. Sheppard Presiding.

The report on the Condition of Masonry states that in nearly every district there is a truly lamentable laxity in the matter of lodge attendance. Their helpful suggestions are as follows—

"As for the remedy, we believe that it is not hard to find. It lies with the lodges if they will only seize upon it. It can be summed up as follows:

1. Comfortable lodge rooms.
2. Careful selection of officers.
3. Lodge meetings made entertaining and instructive
4. Promotion of social and friendly intercourse among the brethren.

"We believe that every D.D.G.M. before recommending the granting of a dispensation for a new lodge, should insist upon evidence being produced that it is possible to secure the exclusive tenancy of comfortable rooms, to be suitably, though not of necessity, luxuriously furnished, as a prerequisite to his recommendation.

"Another feature, which should receive careful attention, as a means of overcoming the difficulty, is the measure of care exercised in the conduct of the meetings. There is a certain amount of routine business, and there are sometimes degrees to be conferred. No doubt, this is all interesting, to a certain extent, but as a steady and exclusive diet, is it not liable to become more or less tedious?

"As a means to the desired end there should be introduced into the meetings, series of lectures and discussions of Masonic subjects. Study clubs should be organized and entertainments and social gatherings arranged for.

"Freemasonry was originally, pre-eminently a social organization, and many records of the goodfellowship enjoyed by the brethren have been handed down to us from the past. The regular meetings of our lodges should be something more than occasions for the transaction of business, but efforts should be made to enliven them by programmes along the lines stated, which no doubt would result in the brethren going from them, feeling that their time had been spent profitably and enjoyably, and with a determination to come again."

The Committee on the Establishment of a Masonic Home made an instructive report which gave evidence of a very careful study of the subject. Their conclusions are contained in the following synopsis:

- (1) The minimum initial expenditure would be at least \$115,000.
- (2) A per capita tax per annum of at least \$1.50 per member would have to be levied for the maintenance of the approximate number required for the running of a Home.
- (3) That it is not advisable for children and older people to be maintained under one roof.

(4) If the Grand Lodge is in favor of the establishment of a Home it should be upon a solid foundation with a fixed idea of continuance and permanence.

(5) That before definite action be taken several brethren of good business and administration ability be sent to view homes established by Grand Lodges of equal standing with Saskatchewan.

(6) That when the Benevolent fund shall have acquired a capital account of \$250,000 the major portion of the external energies of Grand Lodge be devoted to the establishment of a Masonic Home.

It may be noted that the fund has now reached \$150,000.

Canada's proceedings are not reviewed.

T. S.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

190 Lodges.

10,417 Members.

The half-yearly communication was held at Adelaide on October 18, 1922. M.W. Bro. A. W. Piper, K.C. presiding. The most important matter before Grand Lodge was the following proposed amendment to the Constitution—

Every Subscribing member of a Lodge meeting in Adelaide shall contribute to the funds of the Lodge a sum of not less than £2 10/ per annum; subscribing members of all other Lodges shall contribute to the funds of the Lodge a sum of not less than £2 2/ per annum. The By-Laws of a Lodge may, however, provide that Brethren who permanently reside at least fifteen miles distant from the meeting place of their Lodge shall pay to the funds of the Lodge a sum of not less than £1 1/ per annum.

The amendment was adopted, but at a Special Communication held on Nov. 15, 1922, for the purpose of receiving the report and of confirming it or otherwise, the amendment was rejected. The following statement by the Grand Master at the November meeting is worth noting—

"Shortly after the Communication in October a Wpl. Brother very courteously by letter to me, suggested and put it that the proposal to fix a minimum subscription was a definite infringement of the Landmarks of Freemasonry. Following on that and the point that had arisen in my own mind, I made a careful study of the Constitutions of Freemasonry from the first Constitutions published under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England in 1723. Following that I took the Constitutions of 1738, which were the next published, under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, and then considered the Constitutions which were published in 1815 as the Constitutions of the United Grand Lodge of England, following on the union of what were known as the Ancients and Moderns which took place in 1813. Then I considered the Constitutions at present in force under the United Grand Lodge of England, and our own Constitutions which were enacted in 1884 when the Grand Lodge was formed, and which have been altered and added to at various times up to the present, and I have also looked at the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Scotland as far as they were available to me. The result of the careful consideration of the history of Masonic Constitutions from the formation of the first Grand Lodge in 1717 has convinced me,—leaving no doubt in my mind, so that I have expressed to the Worshipful Brother who wrote on the subject my opinion—that the proposal to fix a minimum subscription to be paid by each member of a Lodge to his Lodge is not an infringement of any Landmark, and it is within the power of Grand Lodge, if Grand Lodge sees fit, to adopt the proposal. I need not enter into the full details of my search into the history of these Constitutions, but I may point out that under the Grand Lodge Constitutions published in 1723 there is a very small number of rules at all that regulate the relations of a member of a Lodge to his Lodge, that at the present time under our own Constitutions there are, I think, to be exact, 29 articles (I have a list of them here) which wholly relate to the relation between a member of a Lodge and his own Lodge. In other words Grand Lodge by these 29 articles has laid down the law governing the conduct of each Lodge towards its own members. There are a great many matters which Lodges can regulate for themselves. This is a matter which they may regulate for themselves until Grand Lodge has laid down a rule and in my opinion Grand Lodge may lay down a rule."

At the annual communication held at Adelaide on April 18, 1923, M.W. Bro. A. W. Piper was unanimously re-elected Grand Master.

In the review of Correspondence the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada at Fort William and Port Arthur in 1922 is given attention.

T. S.

SOUTH CAROLINA

J. Campbell Bissell, M.W. Grand Master.

Number of Lodges 288.

Number of members 27,958. Net increase 812.

Many special Communications were held during the year for Dedications and laying Corner-stones, and on March 14, 1923, the 186th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Charleston with a full quota of Grand Officers present.

W. Bro. A. A. Lemon represented Canada.

That the Grand Master has the "vision splendid" will be apparent from the following quotations from his address—

The Masonic fraternity throughout this whole great Nation has made signal advances, and the flower of our youth is clamoring for admission. We have every reason to believe that the men of the Craft are catching the vision of the useful part that our institution is destined to play in the constructive life of the world, and are striving and will ever strive to make that vision a constant and ceaseless reality.

It has been said that the poet of the past coined the word opportunity from the two Latin words "Ob" and "Portus," meaning "toward the harbor," for, like the sea, opportunity carries us forward on its bosom against tide and wind, always toward the goal of our desires, and the fulfillment of our aims. Let no Mason fail to grasp the vision, and press forward toward the mark of his high calling.

With regard to Home and Orphanage the Grand Master says—

There is one thing certain, we can no longer allow our orphans to be supported in denominational orphanages of this State at a lower rate than would be charged other children. We will have to provide an adequate sum for this Board to continue its work.

Among his decisions is the following impressive one on silence—

I ruled that the brother who had given the names of the Committee who made the unfavorable report to the Petitioner had committed a Masonic offence, that the committee's report should have been guarded and free from all criticism and disclosure to the profane the same as the ballot itself, and that

the erring Bro. had evidently been moved by a spirit to make trouble and create ill feeling.

He should, in my opinion, be called before the Lodge and tried for unmasonic conduct.

He concludes with a verse which we all at some time have felt—

If I but knew some heart this side the tomb
Had by mine act been rescued from the gloom;
Or that one life had grown in noble deeds
Because somewhere I'd sown some worthy seeds,
The thought would drive dark clouds from out life's view—
If I but knew.

The Reports of the 25 Districts are models of concentration and good epitomized work, quite contrasts to our long Canadian details. The Grand Master of North Carolina brought cordial felicitations from the old North State, saying in part—

Masons in general are beginning to realize that every consideration of right and justice demands that a Fraternity as large and powerful as ours should produce or quit, and should exert a mighty influence by its good works on society as a whole. I suppose that there are still a great many Masonic lodges which might bodily drop out of existence and never be missed, but I believe that that condition of affairs is fast passing away, and, as I have said, that Masons in general are gradually awakening to the fact that we have something to say to the world, that Freemasonry has a message for the modern world, and that we should strive, all of us, to get this message into the hearts of men everywhere.

District tables and lists of Officers follow.

The Fraternal Correspondence of sister Jurisdictions is in the characteristic charge of M.W. Bro. J. L. Michie, Past Grand Master, who is an outstanding figure at the Round Table. His Report covers 281 pages, a record among Grand Jurisdictions. He quotes the last speech (given in Alabama) of the late President Harding—

I know I am a better citizen for being a better Mason. Sometimes—and there are moments of anxiety when one wonders what the morrow will bring forth—but I can say it publicly—I find myself heartened, my courage strengthened, and my hopes refreshed, because I know there is this great Fraternity which is ever ready to give of its all for the maintenance of law and order and of our government.

He gives the following interesting comparison under British Columbia—

In the English Lodges and in Colonial Lodges holding under the English Constitution and in those who trace their ancestry to the Grand Lodge of England, the Legend of the Third Degree is recited by the Master while the candidate makes the perambulation. In Lodges of the United States—except Pennsylvania—so far as I have been able to discover, the perambulation is dramatized, and the Legend is recited to the candidate seated. Then comes the Lecture on the Symbolism of the Degree, followed by the Monotorial Lecture, or Lecture on the Emblems, and, in conclusion, the Charge. These last two Lectures find no place in the Rituals of Scotland and England, they are purely American innovations, when and why they were introduced, we do not know. We are sorry to have to confess our ignorance on these points.

Canada is treated complimentarily and well, though he does characterise Grand Master Harcourt's address as somewhat of a sermon rather than a Report. We do not recognize our much loved and very human Past Grand Master in this roll.

R.W. Bro. E. B. Brown is here, as elsewhere, appreciated for his good literary work.

Under District of Columbia he gives us the following—

Quoting Grand Master Lanham that "affluence and luxury cause more immorality than poverty," Brother Baird says:

While this may possibly be true, it had better be said that idleness of the people, both rich and poor, is the cause of more crime than anything else. The nation grew in riches and greatness from the start, but it was not an eight-hour day. Give the people leisure, let them spend their money, and they will get busy to find more money and in the easiest way.

We cannot resist reproducing as he has reproduced, the apotheosis of the *Library* hailing from that home of libraries and education—Iowa—

A Library that is such in fact as well as in name is one of the noblest monuments of man; for a good book is the repository of the best of human thought, experience and aspiration. Hence a library becomes an inspiration for the present, a guide-post to the future, and a memorial of the past. Rich in the recorded experiences of heroic and victorious souls, it is no tomb. It is a House of Life—of Life that refuses to be imprisoned by the materialities of cloth, of paper and of ink and that gives voice to the hopes and fears, the ambitions and the

achievements of all the centuries. It is vital with mighty memories, rich in the wisdom that has stood the test of time, and beautiful in its revelation of the steadfast struggle of all humanity from Darkness to Light and from Light ever onward to More Light. Such is a library worthy of the name, and such is the institution which is the peculiar pride of Masonry.

Scotland receives a special report and the eulogy of Charles, Earl of Elgin, who lived and ruled 160 years ago, is reproduced—

He was not only a Freemason, but he was a man who built up the honour and traditions of his house in Scotland. (Applause.) He laid his hand to the work. He was a Mason in every sense of the word. He built a city for his people to dwell in. It will be my utmost endeavor to follow in his footsteps, and to do whatever I can to uphold the traditions of the Craft.

Our fellow reviewer Michie will not stand for gloss or exaggeration. Nothing but the truth will satisfy, and under Texas he is provoked to record the following—

He says, "Washington was as great a Mason as he was a citizen." We have before us a copy of a letter written by Washington to the Reverend G. W. Snyder, Frederickton, Maryland, of date 25th September, 1798, in which he says, in part, "I preside over none (Lodges) nor have I been in one more than once or twice within the last thirty years."

Texas however is not alone in enthusiasm.

In the conclusion of the review a useful summary is given showing that 24 States use the term "Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons," while 24 use the term "Free and Accepted." All Canadian Grand Lodges use the word "Ancient" except New Brunswick which has the title "Free and Accepted Masons."

Under French Masonry our reviewer notes that 14 United States Grand Jurisdictions have recognized the Grand Lodge of France and he adds this cautionary comment—

We wonder what the American Grand Lodges that have Fraternaly Recognized the Grand Lodge of France now think of their action, and how they like the idea of having women in our Order.

Under "Railroading" he has this wise observation—

For two or three years past there has been a feeling that Candidates are rushing too rapidly through the Degrees, the Shrine being the objective.

There can be no doubt of the fact that Candidates for the past three years have rushed through the Degrees at a pace undreamed of before, knowing little or nothing of the symbolism of any one of the Degrees through which they have passed, which is much to be deplored.

And he concludes—

“With no dread of the ill-omened figures 1 and 3, I Courteously and Fraternally submit my Thirteenth Annual Report to my Readers.”

M.W. Bro. J. Campbell Bissell, Charleston,
Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. O. Frank Hart, Columbia, Grand
Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA

The Forty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota was held at Mitchell on Tuesday, June 12th, 1923, with Theorus R. Stoner, Grand Master, presiding. Bro. Stoner, who is 67 years of age, has led a very active Masonic life, it would appear from the biographical sketch that appears in the fore-front of the proceedings with a beautiful reproduction of himself.

In his address the Grand Master declares that:

Our Order has emerged from the World's Conflict, stronger, more charitable, with broader visions and higher ideals than ever before. It has cost us the lives of many of our young, brilliant, energetic brothers, but it has more fully developed that spirit of universal fraternity, and universal brotherhood so necessary to prevent a recurrence of the havoc, desolation, and horrors of war and its aftermath of sorrow, and woe. Let us hope and pray their sacrifice has not been in vain.

In quite a few of the countries across the seas, where it was dormant or suppressed, Masonry is being restored and is proving a powerful aid to the work of reconstruction, smoothing the way to what we hope may be everlasting peace.

Respecting physical qualifications he said, as the late war had left in its wake many partially disabled men, who were seeking membership, and they being men of intelligence, men of high standing in their community,

men capable of earning a livelihood for themselves and families, he favored the reception of their petitions, but they must have artificial arms or legs that could be manipulated to conform to the requirements of initiation and recognition.

The Grand Master at length strongly condemned Mushroom and Commercialized Masonry. He said,

"By Mushroom Masonry I refer to the rushing and hurrying of the Brothers into, and through the so-called higher degrees of Masonry before they have had time to study, digest, or get an ordinary knowledge of the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry. I have seen a petition for the higher degrees put into the hands of a brother the night he received the M.M. Degree with the advice to hurry up and get to the top. I have seen brothers take these higher degrees before they had learned the lecture of the M.M. Degree, before they could pass an examination to be admitted into a Lodge outside of their own, and whose Masonry, when they reached the top, was measured only by the badges, buttons and emblems they wore."

"By Commercialized Masonry I allude to the inducements held out in a financial way to get a brother to take the higher degrees, such as allowing him to pay the fee in installments, or by giving his note, both of which are in direct violation of Masonic ethics, Masonic usage and Masonic law."

"There can be only one construction placed on this procedure—namely—a desire to increase the membership and enrich the treasury rather than impress the candidate with the time honored beautiful teachings of the Fraternity."

As to the Order of De Molay he said, it teaches the boy to have a reverence for his parents and all things sacred. It teaches him to be manly and foursquare with the world, in fact a manly man, and as

"The Boys of to-day are the Men of To-morrow," the ones who must fill our stations in life, it behooves us to exert ourselves to the utmost, to direct them in the right paths and help make the future man, for "Men are only boys grown tall, Hearts don't change much after all."

The Grand Secretary in his report showed there were 164 Chartered Lodges with a present membership of 18,503. He also said.

"The state has been flooded with a circular letter from Havana, Cuba, asking for funds to build a Temple in Havana. The appeal was not issued by any lodge or Grand

Lodge, but from individuals who have organized themselves into a corporation to beg money, supposedly to build a Masonic home."

The following form for petition for degrees was made mandatory by the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, exclusive from and after July 1st, 1923,

PETITION FOR INITIATION

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Lodge, No., A.F. & A.M.:

"The subscriber respectfully represents that, unbiased by friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary motives, he freely and voluntarily offers himself as a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry, and that he is prompted to solicit this privilege by a favorable opinion of your ancient and honorable Fraternity, and a desire for knowledge and sincere wish to be serviceable to his fellow-creatures, and should his petition be granted, he will cheerfully conform to all its established laws, usages and customs.

And in the event that my petition shall be accepted and I shall receive the degrees conferred in your Lodge, I further promise and pledge myself that I will not apply for the degrees in any other body or organization which makes these degrees a prerequisite to membership until the lapse of twelve months from the time I shall become a Master Mason."

(Name in full) Petitioner.

Recommended by Brothers
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The wording of the foregoing Petition, as well as the wording of the following questions, to be answered by the Candidate, should prove of interest to the brethren in Canada.

EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED IN DETAIL:

- Date of birth: Month Day, Year
- Place of birth: Town or City, State
- Occupation
- Employed by whom
- Place of residence
- Have you resided in the Territorial Jurisdiction of this Lodge for twelve months last past?
- Where did you reside during the past five years?
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Have you ever before applied for the degrees in Masonry?
 If so, to what Lodge, and when?
 Were you rejected?
 If elected, why did you not proceed?
 Is there any physical, legal or moral reason why you should not
 become a Mason?
 Have you read the foregoing petition?
 Dated

(name in full)

The undersigned Committee, to whom was referred the
 above petition, would recommend his admission.

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Committee.

Grand Lodge decided to accept an offer of the brethren and Masonic Bodies of the City of Sioux Falls of a lot in size 50 by 158 feet, located on a paved street about a block and a half from the Post Office, and agreed to erect a thereon suitable building for a Grand Lodge Library at an expense not to exceed \$75,000.

Bro. Chas. L. Brockway in his review, consisting of two pages, of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada, for 1922, refers to the activities of our Grand Master, as well as to the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters. As to a comment made to the space taken up by the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, he wisely says, "The space occupied and the expense of preserving these records is the concern of our Canadian brethren."

Robert S. Lockhart, Grand Master.

George A. Pettigrew, Grand Secretary.

—H.T.S.

TASMANIA

37 Lodges.

2,956 Members.

The half-yearly communication was held at Hobart on August 25, 1923, M.W. Bro. Henry L. D'Emden presiding.

The Board of General Purposes reported that an inquiry had been received from a brother in Cuba as to

whether Chinese were admitted into Freemasonry in Tasmania. A reply was sent that, under the Tasmanian constitution there was no bar as to colour, but that candidates must affirm a belief in God. So far no applications had been received for admission of Chinese in Tasmania.

In his address to Grand Lodge, the Grand Master referred to the question of publicity in these words:

"In accordance with a resolution passed at a Meeting of the Board of General Purposes, a sub-committee waited upon me to obtain a ruling as to whether I approve of the existing practice of publishing in the press reports of Installation Ceremonies held at the various Lodges, and I have given careful consideration to the subject. As the matter is of interest to the Craft in the Jurisdiction I think it advisable to state my views for the information of the Brethren generally.

It would appear that the provision in Regulation 178 of the Book of Constitutions has been more honoured in the breach than the observance, for although I have read reports of many Installation Ceremonies in the public papers, I can recall no instance where the approval of the Grand Master was sought for such publication.

I can see no objection to the continuance of the practice, provided it is done with the consent of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge concerned, and that such reports are restricted, as at present, to the publication of the names of officers installed and the names of the presiding and officiating officers.

This publication has the effect of letting the public know that our Order is controlled by men of good standing in the community, and that under their guidance and direction nothing but good would result from association therewith.

Reports concerning the Consecration of Temples and Laying of Foundation Stones might also be published with the consent of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, but any other matter concerning Freemasonry proposed for publication should, in the first instance, be submitted to the Grand Master for his approval or otherwise.

The propriety of publishing notices of Lodge meetings may be left to the discretion of each Lodge, but as the Laws of our Order provide for each Member being duly notified, and visiting Brethren can always gain the knowledge by making inquiry, the necessity for continuing the practice and incurring the expense is not apparent."

On Anzac Day, 25th April, 1923, a new Lodge designated "The Tasmanian Naval and Military Lodge," No. 43, T.C., was consecrated by the M.W. Grand Master. at Hobart.

T.S.

TENNESSEE

George L. Hardwick, M.W. Grand Master.

Master Masons October 31, 1923, 45,344.

Net gain, 2,108.

The Proceedings are prefaced by a portrait and biography of the new Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Howell E. Jackson.

The 110th Annual Communication was held at Nashville January 30th, 1924, and the next Communication will be held there January 28th, 1925.

No less than 15 Past Grand Masters answered the roll call.

Grand Master Hardwick's address constitutes a fine summary of good work well done. We note that among the securities of Grand Lodge \$15,000 is from Canadian issues.

We quote the following from his thoughtful introduction:

Brethren—It is profoundly gratifying to those of us who cherish the principles and ancient traditions of Freemasonry, that in the midst of this ultra-progressive age of modern thought and action, those honorable institutions which characterize our fraternity have withstood the ravages of time, and today stand forth in bold relief as signposts that point the way to a higher and better civilization. Centuries have come and gone, empires have risen and fallen, war and pestilence have devastated the land, but those simple principles, rites and ceremonies which have been transmitted from lip to lip, and from Mason to Mason, from the completion of the Temple, have lost none of their appeal to the minds and consciences of men.

With regard to the Home and the endowment fund he says:

We have been for many years accumulating an Endowment Fund. While our Endowment Fund is not large, yet it is at least an asset of which we may well be proud. I have been asked, "Do you think our Endowment Fund will ever be large enough to take care of the Home without these assessments and this burden?" To this, I promptly replied, "I hope not." The care of children has been the making of many a man.

Under the striking title of "The Outer Door," he makes service the open sesame—or rather the will to serve.

Masonry expects that every applicant shall be physically and mentally fit. He should be capable not only of earning a living for himself, but also for those who have claims upon him for support. A man, to be truly a Mason, should have within him a desire to bestow charity. To seek admission into our order for the purpose of receiving charity, or for the benefit such admission might be worth to the applicant, is evidence that the applicant is not properly prepared to be made a Mason.

At the outset, every candidate must affirmatively answer that he possesses the desire to be of service to his fellowman. If he is not able to care for those dependent upon him, how can he render such service? We should carefully consider the motives which actuate those who petition us for membership.

With regard to the Ku Klux Klan, he gave the following opinion and decision:

Freemasonry has ever been jealous of its integrity, and has unflinchingly avoided even the appearance of entangling alliances with other organizations. Whether as a result of propaganda or which the Ku Klux Klan is officially responsible or influences beyond its control, both the public press and current rumor provide ample evidence of a deep-rooted impression in the public mind that the organization has sought, and is receiving the support of Freemasonry.

The best interests of Freemasonry and a sacred adherence to its Ancient Landmarks demand that any policy which would encourage this impression be avoided. I therefore hold that the renting of a Masonic Hall to the Order of Ku Klux Klan or a permissive use of same by this organization, would be an abuse of the discretion imposed in the subordinate lodge.

Delinquent Secretaries are not confined to this Jurisdiction as would appear from the following comment of the Grand Secretary:

Notwithstanding this effort to have the Secretaries report on time, there were twenty-eight Secretaries who did not send in their reports in the time required by law, and the penalties accruing from their failure amounted to \$162.35.

Education is featured throughout the Proceedings and the Committee says:

Almost without exception, the Education revival which was born in Tennessee several years ago, has continued to manifest itself in the Counties of the State. Consolidated schools are taking the place of the old antiquated system of the one room schools in the rural sections.

The Landscape Commission of the Home reports as follows:

This Commission has in view, not only the beautifying of the grounds, but the far greater benefit of instilling into our growing children the softening and elevating effect of things beautiful and to fit them in after life to appreciate and love and to care for flowers and plants and trees.

It shall be our earnest effort during the coming year to effect a co-ordination between ourselves and those whose duty and privilege it is to see that these ideals are realized.

The Historical Committee gives food for thought and also a lead which should be followed. Hear them:

In the course of these investigations we have been more and more impressed with the value of carefully prepared and preserved records of the doings of our Lodges, not only within the tiled doors, but those philanthropic undertakings which mark the practical application of our time honored principles, and especially of the labors and self-sacrificing devotion of our Brethren who have freely borne the heat and burden of the day in Masonic accomplishment, and in the cause of upbuilding humanity. Hence in closing, may we again urge an unremitting care and attention to the protection of our Lodge records and archives. Many splendid characters appear on the rosters of our Lodges since the dawn of Masonry in our state and nation.

With regard to "The Master Mason" under the editorship of Rev. Dr. J. Fort Newton, the Committee reports:

Brother Newton's well known ability and wide experience is a guarantee that no pains will be spared to make the new publication one of the most intrinsic value. As we are writing this report, the first issue is being distributed to the various grand jurisdictions, and is replete with valuable and interesting articles. We bespeak for the Master Mason the earnest support of all Tennessee Craftsmen.

The summary of the edicts of the Grand Lodge as amended 1924, is published in full and the decisions ring true.

The Foreign Correspondence Report is from the able pen of R. W. Bro. H. A. Chambers and his Committee. In his introduction he summarizes the chief of the many subjects referred to by the Grand Lodges under review (including Canada) such as Ku Klux Klan, The Lost Word, Study Clubs, Dances, Physical Qualifications, Clandestine Masons, Size of Lodges, Hurry in Conferring

Degrees, So-called Higher Degrees and Hurry to Them, Advertisements, Education, Examination on Third Degree, Careless Investigation of Candidates, Spirit and Purposes of Masonry, DeMolay, Germany, etc., etc.

Our colleague is very fond of poetry and has extracted some gems. From Alberta is the following:

Let Heaven be just above us,
 Let God be e'er so nigh,
 Yet howsoe'er he love us,
 And howe'er much we cry,
 There is no WORD that can make clear
 The thing "that doth not yet appear."
 'Tis not that God loves mystery:
 The things beyond us we can never know,
 Until up to their lofty height we grow,
 And finite grasps infinity."

Canada is copiously and generously treated, the address of this reviewer and then Grand Master appearing to have appealed specially to him and a regular symposium is reproduced and commented on, especially with regard to international relations.

Under Florida he finds the following:

Ques. "Can a Lodge while open in the Masters Degree, bring into the Lodge the wives and daughters of Masons and confer on them the 'Wives and Daughters Degree'?"

Ans. "No. There are no side degrees in Masonry and the Masonic Fraternity has no degrees for the wives and daughters. If the wives, daughters or widows of Master Masons are desirous of joining a society for women they should take advantage of the Eastern Star Chapter."

Under Massachusetts the positive as distinguished from the negative attitude is well brought out:

Surely, it is the Masonic duty of every Master, when he receives definite information detrimental to the character of an applicant, whether it come from a member of his Lodge or from one of the Fraternity who is not, to make a searching inquiry into the charges and, if found true, to act accordingly. To neglect to follow up information of this sort would be a dereliction of duty to his Lodge and to the Fraternity.

Altogether too often a man is admitted because nothing can be found against him. It is a question whether such a negative recommendation ought to open our doors. Rather, we ought to be able to discover something in an applicant's character which will add strength to the Institution.

Oklahoma gives us the following unique and striking contribution:

May we be ready and willing if He calls us again, to answer like Samuel of old, "Lord, here am I," and with a resolution as sincere as that of the old darkey, as described in the little poem by Paul Lawrence Dunbar:

"The Lord had a job for me, but I had so much to do.
I said, "You get somebody else, or wait till I get th'oo."
I don't know how the Lord came out, though He seemed
to get along,
But I felt kind o'sneakin' like, for I knowed I'd done Him
wrong.
"One day I needed the Lord myself—needed Him right
away,
And He didn't seem to answer me, but I could hear Him say
Down in my accusin' heart, "Niggah, I got too much to do,
You get somebody else, or wait till I get th'oo."
"So, now, when the Lord have a job for me, I never tries
to shirk,
I drops whatever I has on hand, and does the good Lord's
work.
And my affairs can run along, or wait till I get tho'o,
For nobody else can do the job that God's marked out
for you."

Virginia offers a fertile field:

That a Masonic Lodge is no place for the discussion and settlement of labor disputes, and no charges should be entertained against a brother who had accepted employment made vacant by a brother who had voluntarily relinquished it, left his employer and gone on a strike. The word "supplant" implies moral turpitude, and should be construed in the light of its accepted use and meaning, and without fanciful deductions.

What a contrast with Canada is the laying of foundation stones in our sister Jurisdictions and notably in the fair land named after the Virgin Queen:

However, during the past year I have granted permission to Subordinate Lodges to lay corner-stones in thirty-six cases. Our Virginia people show wonderful enterprise in the erection of churches and schools, as our record of corner-stones laid will show.

We cannot resist reproducing as our colleague has reproduced from Iowa, the following verse:

The end cometh on, and old Time gathers all,
Where a surcease of pain shall be given,
When low twelve is sounded to mortals below,
The high twelve is sounded in heaven.

And in our many Father and Son Nights for the encouragement of which this reviewer takes some credit, the following may be appropriately quoted:

Show me a father with faith in his son,
 And I'll show you a pair worth while,
 Although they be common as anyone,
 And little for show and style.
 The man for the boy, like a pal for a pard,
 And the boy for the man the same,
 With each for the other that fine regard
 Which only themselves can name.

When fifty, or near it, and ten-years-old,
 In fellowship's house have dwelled,
 They've gathered more treasures than all the gold
 That ever a kingdom held;
 A heart running over with pride and joy,
 A face that was born to smile—
 Yes, show me the dad who believes in his boy,
 And I'll show you a pair worth while."

The Masonic Veterans met as usual after Grand Lodge.

Howell E. Jackson, Nashville, M.W. Grand Master
 Stith M. Cain, Nashville, R.W. Grand Secretary.

TEXAS

Membership, 122,879. Net increase, 5,387.

M.W. Mike H. Thomas, Grand Master.

The Proceedings of 1923 are prefaced by a photograph of Grand Master Thomas, whose striking tie-pin and expressive mouth indicate him a man of striking character and a Texan born.

Several special Communications for funerals and corner-stones are recorded, no less than three Past Grand Masters having passed away.

The 88th Annual Communication was held in Waco, 4th December, 1923, in the presence of a large concourse.

The Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions were welcomed and among other worthy sentiments the following were express by P.G.M. Washer of South Carolina:

We are standing here today as representatives of the great Masonic bodies of the United States and of the world and the distance that divides us is but a span that is easily covered by the Masonic hand of welcome. No difference of clime, or space or even of sentiment, can mark a line of separation, as all are working for the consummation of the same sublime plan of fraternal brotherhood.

Master Masons in good standing for more than 50 years and following that, those in good standing for more than 40 years were individually received and honoured—a worthy tribute, and from the address we cite the following sentence:

It is written on the Trestle Board of time that the young may die, but the old must die, and so it is, my brethren, that through Forenoon, Afternoon, and Night during all those many years that have passed, and those that are to come, the hearts of men must be made cold by the hand of death.

The address of the Grand Master is a comprehensive document and from it we take the following:

I wish to state here that I am impressed by the evident fact that practically all of the trouble that has arisen in Masonry during the past few years has been caused by only about 5 per cent. of our membership, and that the remaining 95 per cent. are willing to devote their energies to constructive work at the encouragement of proper leadership. I have only made an effort to encourage that which I deemed most essential to masonry, primarily among my efforts being those conducted in behalf of our orphans.

Although fully realizing that Masonry is not a business institution, and that every contribution to effort on the part of the officers in the subordinate lodges is out of love for the Fraternity, and strictly free-will, yet my experience has taught me that many of these officers and leaders are fully satisfied with contributing no more to Masonry than the performance of the conduct of their lodge during ordinary meetings, and the conferring of degrees, and satisfied with the fact that at the expiration of their term of office that they will be a "past" something, regardless of what contributions they make to Masonry as a whole.

In most parts of this State, Masonry has reached the point that its activities must embrace more than its immediate circle of operation or become stagnant.

The Grand Master's rallying appeals to his faithful flock throughout the year are reproduced and illustrate the continuity in which he kept in monthly contact with current events throughout his Jurisdiction and Abroad. He administers discipline to contumacious Brethren and

Officers with a firm hand and records his "visitations" of remonstrance in full as a warning.

Among his decisions we quote:

I was asked if a Masonic lodge could sponsor a baseball team composed of Masons entirely, which was to play a team composed of Odd Fellows for the benefit of charity. I held that it could not, but that the Masons as individuals might form the team and carry out this plan.

I was presented with a sample of chewing tobacco, bearing the square and compasses as a trade mark, with a title of "On the square." This I submitted to legal counsel, and was advised that because the trade mark did not bear the letter "G" which usually appears in the Masonic emblem, that it was extremely doubtful if this could be considered as an infringement of the State law, so I took no action.

Mexican Masonry appears to embarrass Texas far more than it embarrasses us, and he sums up the matter as follows:

There is a crying need for Masonry of the same standards as ours in Mexico, and until the country is helped by the establishment, and prevalence of Masonry, it will continue under the oppression of ignorance, and if we are to lend a helping hand, we must not lose sight of the problem as to whether we can best assist the country through Mexican Masonry or through the establishment and encouragement of American Masonry. But while we fully recognize that Masonry is not an American institution, we must be sure that we only recognize a type of Masonry that has the same high standards that we uphold, for instead of elevating that Masonry, we would only lower our own.

The Physical Perfection Doctrine still exists and the Grand Master comments:

It has been with extreme regret that I have passed unfavourably on several particular cases. I have had to deny the privilege of Masonry to men who would make Masons of the highest calibre, because of the loss of a hand, or foot, or both eyes. Men of means and education quite able to provide for themselves, as well as become assets to Masonry.

We do not apologize for reproducing the following sentence from his conclusion:

Masonry is erected to God. It is therefore fitting and proper that the rooms in which we gather in respect to Him, that the aprons we wear as emblems of innocence, that the paraphernalia we use, be neat and clean. I have visited in lodge rooms that evidenced a customary indifference to cleanliness. An indifference to this simple matter is indicative to

me of indifference to Masonry, for it might be easily corrected by a little contribution of physical energy on the part of the members.

What better method of commemorating the Masonic birthday of the father of our country, Brother George Washington, than the planting of a tree? While this date is a bit early, another date could be accepted for the same purpose and we could hand to future generations of Masons Monuments of beauty to the fruits and the benefits we have received.

I would like to say here that I believe that Masonry has done nothing since the day Masons framed and signed that wonderful and yet simple demand for the rights American citizens for self government, for "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness"; that equaled or surpassed the founding of the Masonic Service Association of the United States.

Into your hands, my brethren, I again place the helm of the Craft, with the prediction that no matter what storms may be encountered, or what seas it may sail, it will always be brought into harbors of peace and tranquility, for no other fate could befall an institution founded on unassailable principles.

At the evening session the Grand Lodge assembled for a particular purpose which is recorded as follows:

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas assembled at 7.00 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of hearing an entertainment given in the Grand Lodge room by certain children from the Masonic Home and School of Fort Worth, which consisted in an opera as delivered by the little tots, and as given by the girls' orchestra, all of which was received by the Grand Lodge with much enjoyment and with much pleasure, as was evidenced by the loud and hearty applause that greeted each number.

And a delightful little essay from one little girl in the Home is printed in full, from which we extract the opening sentence:

Abraham Lincoln once said, "All that I am and all that I hope to be I owe to my mother." In like manner I may say, "All that I am and all that I hope to be I owe to you, Masons of Texas." You have given me a home. By this I mean all that the word "home" typifies—the necessities of life; the pleasure of life; and kindness, goodfellowship, and love.

Canada was represented by W. Bro. Elmer Renfro of Fort Worth.

The address of the Grand Orator, R.W. Bro. Childers on the Building and Maintaining of the Ship of State—a study in Masonic citizenship, is printed in

full and is a gem of ray serene. Space will only permit the following excerpts:

The plans for our Ship of State were drawn by Master Masons, upon a Masonic trestle-board with the spirit of Masonry as a prototype. The spirit of Masonry is characterized by three outstanding attributes, viz:

1. An unyielding demand for truth and justice;
2. An unwavering protest against all wrongs and all forms of intolerance and injustice of whatsoever kind or character; and
3. An unfaltering trust in and devotion to Almighty God.

A little Italian boy said to an American boy:

"I do not think your flag is pretty. It looks like a striped stick of candy.

"That may be true," said the American boy, as his breast swelled with pride, "but no foreigner has ever licked it."

With patriotic pride we could boast of the glories of America and her people and her government until the rising of to-morrow's sun and support our boast with facts and figures that could not be gainsaid. But as prudent Masons, we must turn aside for a few moments and face the stern fact that "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

While home is not home without love, there should be something besides love. There should be example, authority and leadership. God said:

"I know Abraham, for he is a good man and will command his household after him."

The Grand Master of Louisiana, R.W. Bro. Joe Sinai was introduced and gave a characteristic address, sparkling with humor, with the following result:

But, my brethren, there is much in what the Grand Master of Louisiana has said to you, and as a result of what he has said, I want every Mason here to turn and tell your name and shake hands with the man on your right, right now.

(Whereupon all brethren shook hands and introduced themselves to the brother on his right.)

Now on your left.

(Whereupon the same procedure was repeated with the brethren on the left.)

The address and report of P.G.M. Randell on Masonic service and education is in itself a complete sum-

mary of what modern Masonry may say and think and do. We quote:

Among other things we have been able to do is this, and I know that all of you who know him, and know of him, will approve of it; we have been able to secure the most distinguished and best loved Masonic writer in the world for our educational director, Dr. Joseph Ford Newton, author of many Masonic books, with which all of you are familiar.

I promise you that the National Association will function as you never dreamed it would function five years ago, and that it will produce a program, and it will produce results that will make American Freemasonry the thing that it was in the years gone by, and the thing, please God, it is going to be in the years to come, the great stabilizer, doing great things and teaching great things for the supremacy of Freemasonry.

The following tribute is given to the Grand Master by the Committee:

After all is said and done, amid the multiplicity of duties encountered and labors performed, as applied to the subordinate lodge and individual Mason, the resplendent glory of the administration of Most Worshipful Mike H. Thomas shall ever be found and remain in his matchless campaign in the interest of our Masonic Home and School at Fort Worth.

Each constituent Lodge is treated as a complete unit, worthy of having its members recorded in the Annual Proceedings, which form by far the largest book issued by any Grand Jurisdiction.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is written by Past Grand Master S. M. Bradley, who includes a brief survey of the several Masonic Homes maintained by the Grand Lodges in the United States, with figures and statistics. He conducted a personal correspondence with the Superintendents and Managers of these Homes and his report forms a useful basis for future consideration. Five Grand Lodges have two Homes. There are 38 Masonic Homes in the United States, and to sum it all up, he reaches the following result:

The assets of the several Masonic Homes in the United States are more than ten million dollars, and the Masons of the United States contribute more than two and a half million dollars annually for the support of more than six thousand old and decrepit Masons, their widows and orphan children.

The \$500 paid to Correspondent Bradley is well earned.

With regard to Masonic Homes in England and Ireland he says:

While Masons in the United States are justly proud of the Homes provided by Masons for aged and indigent brethren, their widows and orphan children, we must admit that the Masons of England set the example for this work of benevolence almost a hundred years ago.

More than 750 ex-students of the Institution for boys joined the colors in the World War, 1914-1918, and more than 200 gained commissions in the army, and 105 gave their lives for king and country.

With regard to the DeMolay Order he expresses this view under Minnesota and other States:

This scribe is growing a little skeptical about the Order of DeMolay for Boys. It begins to look like it will develop into an incubator for the Blue Lodge, and it is evident to any thoughtful observer that for the past several years the lodges have been "worked" overtime. The lodges are taking in too much raw material which is not converted into the finished product.

Under New York he cannot resist saying:

The membership of all the lodges in the world is given as 3,560,000, and seventy-two per cent. of the Masons of the world are members of lodges in the United States. (Of course, Uncle Sam's country leads in Masonry, as in every organization which has for its ultimate purpose the betterment of society, and the uplift morally, socially and religiously of all the people).

But my friend it is lonely work leading alone. Let us join hands and advance together foot to foot.

The only fault we have to find with our comrade's report is that he relegates British Grand Lodges to the end and does not insert them in fraternal and alphabetical fashion as is done in all other Grand Jurisdictions.

The writer is proud to represent Texas and will not feel himself a stranger or a foreigner when he visits that great Jurisdiction of area and of dimensions and of dynamic purpose.

Canada is treated generously. Our Correspondent is somewhat mystified by the K.C. which follows the name of the then Grand Master, the present correspondent, and his sensibilities are touched by being credited to Bellvine, he having always thought that Belleville

was on the map. Liberal quotations are made from the Grand Master's address.

Great Praise is given to Grand Master Baird of Manitoba whose merits are so cordially recognized in Ontario. He says:

It is expressive of a lofty conception of life and duty, a most brotherly spirit of trust and good will, an intimate knowledge of and a zeal for the affairs of the Craft, faith in the future progress of the work, and wholesome suggestions.

Under Victoria, M.W. Bro. Bradley comments:

Patriotism is one of the cardinal principles of Freemasonry in all English speaking countries, and no man should be permitted to wear the white apron of a Mason if he is not ready and willing to serve his government and country.

And he concludes with the following message of good will, which we heartily reciprocate:

We would like to make a few observations about congested lodges; converting the lodge into a degree factory; soliciting young and newly made Masons to go up "higher" before they have had time to learn anything about Freemasonry, except taking degrees; the carelessness of investigating committees, and other matters and problems of vital interest to Masonry, but our space is more than exhausted, and we will have to write finis at the end of this sentence. We say good-bye, with the earnest prayer, 'May God be with you till we meet again.'

M.W. Gus A. Brandt, Houston, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. W. B. Pearson, Waco, Grand Secretary.

UTAH

Emery Roy Gibson, M.W. Grand Master.

Membership, 4,321. Gain 297.

The Grand Master-elect, LeRoy Aylmer McGee is a lawyer of high standing and his biography and portrait introduce us to the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the Fifty-second Annual Communication held in Salt Lake City, January 16th and 17th, 1923.

Eleven Past Grand Masters answered the Roll Call.

W. Bro. Alexander Toponce responded as Grand Representative of Canada.

From the Grand Master's address we give the following examples of his style and matter.

As our session lasts but two days the routine work will, as usual, for the sake of speed be done by committees of brethren experienced in the work. But each representative of a constituent lodge should feel that he is a part of the meeting and that if he has anything to say Grand Lodge will gladly listen.

The year has been kind to the Craft in Utah and while we have had many perplexing problems to solve, we are pleased to report that none have been of a serious nature, or of sufficient importance to interrupt or disturb the peace and harmony that have prevailed in this Grand Jurisdiction for so many years. The Supreme Grand Master of the Universe has indeed been gracious in bestowing upon us not only that peace and harmony, but also the manifold blessings we have been privileged to enjoy throughout the year.

"Many men of many minds" was the copybook adage and if you are of a different mind from me as to any of my official acts, I know that I do not need to assure you that my motives for every act have been the good of our fraternity as it was given to me to see that good.

With regard to proficiency in the Third Degree which is the subject of consideration by most Grand Masters at present, he says:

I believe it to be just as essential that a member be proficient in the Master Mason degree as in the Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft degree, and I therefore recommend the adoption of a resolution making it mandatory that all members receiving the Master Mason degree subsequent to the adoption of such resolution be required to pass a satisfactory examination, either in open lodge or before a duly authorized examining committee, before receiving a Master Mason certificate from his lodge.

The Masonic Service Association receives well merited praise. He says:

As a result of attending this meeting, I am thoroughly convinced of the great possibilities of the Masonic Service Association for the advancement of Masonry throughout the world.

Under the heading of Masonic Education and Instruction we have the following pregnant sentences:

As Entered Apprentices we came from the Lodge of the Holy Saints John at Jerusalem to improve ourselves in masonry. To the extent we improve ourselves in Masonry, will we improve ourselves as men and citizens.

We are told in the Master Mason degree that we have received all the light in Masonry that can be conferred upon us in that degree, and I am afraid that we too often construe that statement literally. All the light in Masonry is difficult of attainment, but that fact should not restrain our efforts to attain all that is within the scope of our ability.

Of the public use of the name of Masonry he speaks decisively:

It is exceedingly unfortunate that a member of this jurisdiction obtained the names of many Masons from the Grand Lodge Proceedings and mailed each one a letter advertising his business and using the subject of Masonry in connection therewith, which, as every Mason should know, is in direct violation of Masonic Laws and Usages.

And concludes as follows:

Again I thank you sincerely for the honor conferred upon me and the confidence you placed in me one year ago and I reverently make my acknowledgment to the Grand Artificer of the Universe that He has so abundantly prospered one and all of us throughout the year.

The Committee on Necrology present a beautiful report, of which the introduction and conclusion will serve as illustrations:

"It is not the whole of life to live, not all of death to die." If this be true of the children of men, how much more may it be said of that noble company whose talents have been quickened by the teachings imparted at our Holy Altar. Life is far more than the living of an allotted round of years, when those years are enlightened by noble purposes and made joyous by whole hearted effort. "Our life is scarce the twinkle of a star in God's eternal day."

"Leaves have their time to fall,
And flowers to wither at the North Wind's breath,
And stars to set—but all,
Thou hast all season for thine own, Oh! Death."

The Committee on Education and Instruction gives a very full and well considered Report, incidentally suggesting the following:

The Association has produced and is now recommending to its member jurisdictions a specific program which is comprehensive and of wide scope, entitled "Educational Designs Upon the Trestle Board." The program is laid out under five headings, namely:

- First—Religious Liberty.
- Second—Equality Before the Law.
- Third—Equality of Opportunities.
- Fourth—Dignity of Labor.
- Fifth—Charity.

The Library Committee in Utah as in States of much greater numerical strength, is a vital factor in Masonic progress, and report as follows among other interesting matter:

Visitors to the Grand Lodge Library during the early part of May, of the present year, discovered that the Library was a real workshop. Fortunately not a few of the books called for in the prosecution of the officers of the clandestine organization by the U.S. Government were on the shelves of the Library. Some books of value in this case were added to the Library by purchase.

An encouraging feature of the year has been the number of calls for books from the Library which have come from all parts of the State. Because of its value to the newly raised Mason, the six copies of Joseph Fort Newton's book, "The Builders," placed in the Library a year ago—and a friend allowed his copy to be used—have been called for constantly and at times all seven copies were out and rendering service.

The pamphlet on "Mormonism and Masonry" by R.W. Bro. Goodwin is commended for world circulation and the difficulties of the Craft in this connection in this particular State are indicated rather than expressed in the following:

Whereas: It is a fact well known to Utah Masons, and to some others, that from the very inception of organized Masonry in the State conditions have existed here which limited the material available for our Degrees. It is no less a well known fact that while conditions have been considerably modified as the years have gone by, for reasons which to the Grand Lodge of Utah appear to be both good and sufficient, the privileges of our Fraternity are still denied to those who adhere to the dominant ecclesiastical organization of this State.

R.W. Bro. Harry P. Stoneman of Ingersoll is entered as the representative of Utah near the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Fraternal Correspondence is in the well governed control of R.W. Bro. S. H. Goodwin, who shows a full knowledge and appreciation of literature and of thought. He begins his report with this quotation from Euripides:

Omnipotent God, send Light unto men, that they may know whence their evils come and how they may avoid them.

From his most interesting foreword we take the following paragraphs and feel as if we had received a new impetus and impulse from the conclusion:

It goes without saying, but may be repeated for the sake of emphasis, that one feature which greatly aggravates the difficulty, and really blocks any and every attempt to "understand human affairs," lies in the fact that mankind invariably wears a mask—no one of us is exactly as we see him. True, now and again there may be one like Francis Horner, of whom Sidney Smith declared: "He has all the ten commandments in his face," and his life may correspond thereto. But such, we hold, are the exceptions, which but prove the rule. If we confess to what we really find, even in the life of one whom we know best, we must own ourselves baffled—the way is blocked and signboards carry the legend: "No Thoroughfare!" A moment's reflection we opine, will convince us that Wordsworth gave voice to our experience when, musing on the matters set forth in *The Prelude*, he acknowledged:

"The face of every one
That passes by me is a mystery."
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But if we were to send out to the Knights of the Round Table, a message, more heartening to us, just now, than any other it would be couched in the stirring thought and words in both of which we seem to hear and feel the tread of Victory, of Joaquin Miller:

They sailed. They sailed. Then spoke the mate
"This mad sea shows its teeth tonight.
He curls his lip, he lies in wait,
With lifted teeth, as if to bite.
Brave Admiral, say but one good word;
What shall we do when hope is gone?"
The word leapt as a leaping sword:
"Sail on! sail on! and on!"
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He gained a world; he gave that world
Its grandest lesson: "On and on!"

Alabama suggests the following thought:

Even years seem not to have taught some of us that religious conviction cannot be secured by legislation. The Almighty himself does not undertake to force such matters. Perhaps, however, elderly brethren can accomplish through Grand Lodge legislation that which manifestly lies beyond the power of the Almighty Himself.

Canada's Grand Master and Grand Correspondent, R.W. Bro. E. B. Brown are prime favorites with the genial reviewer of Utah and about them he expresses the following kindly sentiments:

"We are glad to look upon the face of Most Worshipful Grand Maston Ponton. For a goodly number of years, we have read with keenest delight and satisfaction his masterly and comprehensive surveys of the "Condition of the Craft." He made this feature an institution by itself which certainly was greatly appreciated by the members of the Round Table."

As was to be expected, the address of the Most Worshipful is great reading: Here are vigor, insight, comprehensiveness, clarity, sympathy, and that intangible something which marks the difference between literature and—just words. And, yet, this document is a most difficult one to review. It is so replete with quotable passages. It is all so worth while. The Grand Master showed that there had been financial gains all along the line, but these items interest us most:

We are dynamic, not static. Concerning the essentials to abiding work, he said: "Idealists in all our practical work, and practical through all our ideals—with the vision splendid but not visionaries—then our work will survive."

Under Topics of Moment, we note "A library and reading room should be an adjunct and auxiliary of every Masonic Lodge that ever feels growing pains." Amen!

Iowa contains the following worthy tribute of praise to two great and good men and Masons:

The Report of Grand Secretary Parvin bears all the earmarks of his workmanship; orderly, complete, accurate, plus.

Louis Block, Past Grand Master, furnished another of his remarkable reports on correspondence. His foreword and afterword are a sort of three-branched candle stick, as it were, in which he deals with Ritual, Relief and Education, as these matters are handled in Iowa, and then he proceeds to give us a body of comment, excerpt, criticism and suggestion in startling profusion as he swings forward through the lines of sister Jurisdictions. Brother Block furnishes us with a real body of valuable Masonic literature that so far as we know is unmatched anywhere.

Quebec is found a fertile field and produces the following comment:

Some of the speaker's sentences are provocative of definite thinking and point to a new appraisal of life's conditions and values as, for example: "We are suffering from deflation. I do not refer to currency nor do I use the term in an economical but rather in a psychological. We need men who will hearten men, put courage into them. There is a depression of spirits as well as of business."

From Virginia we clip the following:

Our feeling and belief are that Masonry is a human institution: just ordinary human beings laid its foundations,

have built its superstructure and are building today, and nothing human, as we understand the matter, has escaped unscathed the blistering fires of the recent world cataclysm.

We quite agree with his description of the half-furnished Mason, a "member" rather than a Mason. We do not feel that the lure of the "higher degrees" is solely responsible for this condition, for there are so many in our lodges who are not members of any other branch of Masonry who yet do not "use the alphabet."

He devotes his conclusion largely to the account of the Proceedings which in the interests of Masonry generally were taken to expose the fraud of a clandestine Organization and sums up as follows:

It is easy to pooh, pooh, when ignorance of the actual situation has blinded the eyes, and we have not taken any trouble to inform ourselves. But to those who know; who were close enough to see the possibilities of failure; who went through the weeks and months of stress and strain of preparing to counter every possible move of this arch conspirator; who, again and again were balked, when seeking witnesses among men of national prominence by the well known: "I pray thee, have me excused," having done all, still faced seemingly almost insuperable obstacles, presented in the environment in which the case would be tried—to these Brothers, at least, the one big event which stands out in real importance above, and beyond any other which marked the Masonic year, 1922, was the trial and conviction and final crushing of this gigantic Masonic fraud.

Le Roy Aylmer McGee, Price, M.W. Grand Master.

Sam Henry Goodwin, Salt Lake City, R.W. Grand Secretary.

VERMONT

George I. Whitney, M.W. Grand Master.

Number of Master Masons, April 30th, 1923, 18,229.

Net gain, 428. Number of Lodges, 103.

Several special Communications of the Grand Lodge throughout the year are recorded and then follow the Proceedings of the 130th Annual Communication held at Burlington, June 13th and 14th, 1923.

The address of the Grand Master is practical and his Grand Lodge address is brief and to the point. The following extracts illustrate his style and matter:

Let me remind the new representatives that upon their shoulders must soon fall the mantle which we wear, who are older in the service, and into their hands must soon be committed the trust and responsibility which others now carry.

During the past year three hundred and four of our members have obeyed the summons of the silent messenger. The Angel of death has removed one from our official ranks and two Past Grand Masters.

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Two lodges requested permission to attend church in regalia on St. John's day, having accepted invitations to do so.

I replied that a dispensation to wear their regalia on an occasion of this kind was not necessary. It would be well and for the good of the whole Craft if all would attend church on this day. It is possible the custom would become more universal if our Reverend Brethren would extend the invitation.

My attention has been called to several appeals for aid from lodges in foreign jurisdictions without the endorsement of the Grand Master of the jurisdiction from which they emanated. Without such endorsement they should be discounted.

The Blue Lodge is the foundation of the future Masonic life and conduct of every candidate, and time enough should be required to make this foundation firm, that he may be a credit to himself and to the order. Many times we have known of Masons who would like to visit a lodge when away from home, but not having had interest enough or perhaps the opportunity to become well versed in the requirements and principles of the order, do not dare to take an examination and what they have received is of little use to them or they to the institution. The cause—a weak foundation.

The Report of the Grand Secretary indicates an experienced hand. We excerpt the following:

Wherever I have been I have been deeply impressed by the spirit of earnestness shown by the brethren. They listen eagerly as the serious side of masonry is presented and the relation of our institution to all that is best in social, political and religious life. They care more for light than for merriment. Masonic platitudes no longer have any weight; when they ask for bread a stone no longer satisfies. In this spirit is the hope and strength of masonry.

From the Report of the Grand Lecturer this is an encouragement to labour:

Out of it all I have been impressed that a deep study into our teachings and ideals, which every brother can make if he but tries, brings forth a rich reward and is worth much more than the time spent in the work.

The Committee on Jurisprudence strike no uncertain note as to the back-bone required by the Master:

If the Master has not the stamina and the moral courage to open and govern his lodge, enforce discipline—in short, be the Master of the Lodge, he has not in him the "stuff" that Masters are made of. Law-made Masters are not usually efficient and if the Master is not efficient, very likely some of the candidates may not be.

The Summaries of the Reports of the District Deputies follow and a touching obituary to Past Grand Master Weston.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was partly edited by M.W. Bro. Weston before he died and was completed by M.W. Bro. Archie S. Harriman, who assumed the labour of love.

Canada, with the address of M.W. Bro. Ponton, and the good work of R.W. Bro. Brown, whose able review is praised, receives kindly recognition, the salient points being extracted.

Under Delaware the reviewer gives what he terms, a clear, vivid and illuminating definition of Masonry and we will all agree with him:

"Masonry is not a toy to be played with, nor a pastime merely to be enjoyed, nor yet a society of like minded spirits organized that the idle moments of the day may be spent in pleasurable conversation or in the exchange of witticisms. Masonry is an attractive force, which brings together in one body, men of different occupation and attainments, from the different avenues of life, and unites them into a moving, active, creative, aggressive body, where as one they become a dynamic power for the intellectual, political, moral and spiritual elevation of the human race. The Master Mason is not narrow in his vision, nor prejudiced in his view, nor small in his conception of his duty to God and his fellow man. He can see the virtues of others, the vices in his own heart, the transcendent beauty of a life of service and he can forget himself in the luxury of giving the best there is in him for the [common welfare of his kind. And thank God we have Master Masons.,"

Under Illinois he cites with an approval which will be shared by all men of common sense and loyalty, the following views on the relations between capital and labour:

"The tenets of Freemasonry and the cardinal virtues taught us in every Lodge, a sense of justice and the moral fiber of our Universal Institution, must form a stabilizing influence which

shall lead to the destruction—the utter annihilation—of the pernicious doctrine that, when a group, organization or combination of men voluntarily give up and abandon their employment, any right exists to resort to violence and bloodshed to prevent other men, who are willing to do so, from entering the employment thus abandoned. The continued existence of our modern industrial system and civilization depends upon the destruction of the wicked and unjust claim that a man or body of men may refuse to work and then by violence prevent others from doing the work which they themselves refuse to do. The right to work, when, where, and upon such terms and conditions as one chooses, unmolested by threats or unlawful violence, is a necessary corollary of the right not to work in any employment against one's will—in other words, the right to resist slavery. Here is an opportunity for Masons and Masonry to assist in a practical movement to educate the conscience of the world to a proper conception of this fundamental question."

Under Ireland we find the following interesting comment by himself and as quoted from the Irish Proceedings:

The Grand Lodge has a law just put into effect which ought effectually to quell the fungi which endeavor to derive their life from a pretended association with the Fraternity.

"No member of any Lodge under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ireland shall be a member of or attend any meeting of any body or Society which requires Freemasonry as a basis of or qualification for membership, except of such bodies as are included in the Calendar published annually by the authority of Grand Lodge.

"If any Lodge, or member of a Lodge, shall give any information as to the standing of a member in reply to an enquiry from any such non-recognized body, it shall be deemed to be un-Masonic conduct and may be dealt with accordingly.

Much attention is paid to education and the Public Schools and under Ohio he quotes:

"Furthermore, Freemasonry must insist on a high standard for teachers. We must have men and women in our schools of such high character—character that is culture, honor, and high ideals, that they can inspire a manhood and womanhood of which America shall be proud."

From Oregon he cites and gives his approval to the sentiment of that Grand Lodge:

The Grand Master's sentiment regarding side organizations will be read with approval by many thinking Masons:

"In recent years this country has been afflicted with an increasing number of so-called secret fraternal or appendant organizations which make membership in a Masonic Lodge a requisite for membership therein.

Born without cause, reared in selfish interest, the effect is well known—trouble and disorder. Claiming to be a "little brother" to the Masonic fraternity, it leaves to that organization its troubles, while the organizer goes on to pastures still more green. The time is present when this Grand Lodge should stop this imposition and use the surgeon's knife of removal. Masonry is complete within itself. It needs no side organizations to develop its principles or support its growth among its membership."

Appended to the Proceedings are the nominal rolls of all the Lodges of Vermont, and lists of the Grand Secretaries of all Grand Lodges with dates of the full moon for 1923 and 1924 for those Lodges who still cling to the light of this inconstant luminary as fixing dates of meetings as movable feasts.

M.W. Bro. George I. Whitney, Bellows Falls, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Henry H. Ross, Burlington, Grand Secretary.

VICTORIA

301 Lodges.

30,432 Members.

Quarterly communications were held at Melbourne in March, June, September and December, 1922. At the March communication His Excellency the Earl of Stradbroke, Governor of the State, was installed as Grand Master. The following is taken from his address:

"We know ourselves what the objects of Freemasonry are, and, as we were reminded just now, the basis of all our prosperity is brotherly love. It is my desire, and I am sure it is the desire of all of us, that only the highest traditions should be accepted, and we should help and support those who endeavour to lift all members of the great human family to a higher place than that which they now occupy, in accordance with the precepts that we all hold so dear. Our Institution is entirely free from anything concerning politics or religious sects. If it were not so, it would be impossible for people occupying the position such as I do to be members of the Fraternity, but, because of that reason any well-conducted, law-abiding citizen can become a Freemason. We find, looking to past history as well as at the present time, that the Fraternity has had and is having the support of people holding the highest positions in the country.

For many years King Edward was Grand Master of England and he was succeeded by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, who still holds that high position, and we are glad

to know that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is to follow in the steps of his grandfather and grand uncle. As Governor of this State I am not starting any precedent in occupying the position to which I have been installed this evening, as two of my predecessors in recent years, Lord Brassey and Lord Carmichael, both filled this position, and I noticed in a paper the other day that His Excellency Lord Jellicoe, Governor-General of New Zealand, was joining the Craft.

At the December communication a report was read from the Pro Grand Master, M.W. Bro. F. T. Hickford, who had represented Victoria at the Installation of Viscount Jellicoe, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand in November. We quote from his report:

On Wednesday evening, November 29th, a gathering of about 2,000 Freemasons from all parts of New Zealand assembled at Christchurch, so English in the freshness and greenness of its verdure the nomenclature of its streets, and philosophic imperturbability of its people, for the purpose of taking part in the Installation of Viscount Jellicoe as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. The ceremonial, which was done by M.W. Bro. Ross and other Grand Lodge officers of New Zealand, had many points of difference to ours, based to some extent on the geographical features and the historical traditions of the Dominion. The Grand Master was obligated on the V.S.L. placed on a pedestal in the centre of the hall. As with us, there is a Pro Grand Master, when the Governor is Grand Master. Instead of being appointed by the Grand Master, he is elected by the Brethren in Grand Lodge. With the exception of the Deputy Grand Master and the two Wardens, the Grand Lodge officers are elected.

Lord Jellicoe as Grand Master gave an admirable address and, although he was only initiated into Freemasonry in January last, his natural adaptability makes him extremely receptive to new ideas and new positions. He has a very clear distinct utterance, and his speech made a very fine and lasting impression, emphasising how strengthening are Masonic ties in binding the different parts of the empire into a closer connection of combined and unified purpose, and also expressive of the recognition of Imperial interests.

At the December communication the Earl of Stradbroke was re-elected Grand Master for the ensuing year.

WASHINGTON

James McCormack Grand Master.

Total membership 40,576. Net gain 2,164.

All together exceptional and unique is the address and the record of administration of Grand Master James

McCormack who was born in Ireland, settled in New York and flourishes in Tacoma. His portrait and biography introduction was of a notable personality.

The 66th Annual Communication was held in Tacoma on the 12th of June, 1923, seventeen Past Grand Masters answering the roll call. This is a characteristic of the Western Grand Jurisdictions.

Walter F. Meier represented Canada at the altar.

The Grand Junior Warden responded eloquently to the address of welcome on behalf of the Grand Master, saying among other things worth quoting:

And we are here to make new friends, so that some time we may have more old ones.

Of course we are going to try to do our duty and do it conscientiously during this session.

But let each man here make a few life-long friends during the next few days.

Quotations can never do justice to the wonderful address of the Grand Master but the following must suffice:

To you, my brethren, who have labored year after year in this Grand Lodge, and by your earnest efforts erected this wonderful edifice, sometimes at great cost, not alone in personal sacrifice and financial loss but at great inconvenience to your personal comfort, may I express the hope that this communication may be the means of adding another link in that chain that binds us in the service of humanity; and may I ask for your wise counsel and guidance, that our work may be carried on with only one thought in mind, as to who best can work and best agree.

While we extol our virtues, we must remember the oft repeated lesson, but so soon forgotten: "While he thinks his greatness is still aspiring, he falls like autumn leaves, to enrich mother earth."

One of the most genial and genuine of men; his big heart could almost be heard to beat around the corner before his manly form appeared.

"Ships that pass in the night, and speak each other when
passing,
Only a signal shown and a distant voice in the darkness,
So on the ocean of life we pass and speak one another when
passing,
Only a look and a voice, then darkness again and silence."

Thanks to the Adjutant General of the State were conveyed to him for laying the corner-stone of the Armoury at Aberdeen and also two corner-stones last year of Armouries at other localities.

The Grand Master visited Alaska and condensed pages of much interest chronicle his tour. Isolated the Lodges may have been before but not, we feel sure, after his inspiring visitation. We reproduce a few of his impressions:

Fairbanks—On arriving in Fairbanks, the Alaskan spirit was much in evidence. We were treated to every courtesy and kindness by the warm-hearted brethren of Fairbanks.

We witnessed the conferring of the Third Degree, and it was conferred in a manner that equals that of any other Lodge in our Grand Jurisdiction, for Masonry means much to the brethren of Alaska. The wearing of a pin on the lapel of the coat is not the only evidence of Masonic membership and Masonic fellowship. Perhaps, by reason of climatic conditions, hearts are warmer and friendships more lasting. Under "Temples Dedicated," you will note by my report that I dedicated the Masonic Temple at Fairbanks; also the Masonic Temple at Skagway.

I was more than pleased to find imposing Masonic temples in all the cities visited in Alaska, built especially as homes for the Lodges, and also affording a center for civic duty and civic pride, and responsibility which Masonic privilege imposed upon its members I found a fertile field, willing minds, and ever ready hands in every instance. On October 9th, accompanied by my chauffeur, I started on a four weeks' trip east of the mountains, having arranged for joint meetings of seventy-two Lodges. On this trip, I covered two thousand miles and held twenty-four night meetings in four weeks.

His decisions are interesting and strong. Here is one:

On January 12th, I advised Blue Mountain Lodge, No. 13, that "bootlegging" is a Masonic offense, and recommended that the Junior Warden file specifications as a basis for such charge.

From one of his many letters and circulars we take this pregnant sentence:

Meanwhile, let us, as Masons, do our duty without show, public parade or blare of trumpets, which in themselves mean nothing, unless each individual acts and does his part towards God, his country and himself. I recommend you to place the communication on file.

In reply to a communication as to secrecy he ruled:

I replied as follows: "If your question means the profane, in referring to the outside world, it is unmasonic for any member to discuss on the outside or with the profane any business transacted within the tyled precincts of a Masonic Lodge. The brother in question is not placed on trial for the purpose of convicting him before the public, but rather for the purpose of purging our institution of undesirable material. Such information is only given out through Masonic channels, namely, the Grand Secretary's Report, as published in Grand Lodge Annual Proceedings for Masons only."

He does not approve of Masonic Clubs and incidentally says:

Second—It becomes a burden on the brethren by maintaining separate club rooms outside of the Masonic Temple, and is not conducive to the best interests of our Craft.

Consequently, I do not favor the forming of any Masonic Clubs, or Masonic activities, except for Masonic relief, unless they be under the control of the Lodges at all times.

The Masonic Home is not likely to languish under his fostering care. We quote him as follows:

I find that there are many old people who are either able to pay for their maintenance, or their family can afford to pay, and are willing to do so if a comfortable place can be obtained. It is a sad commentary on the religious denominations of this State that no such institution exists, and I believe the Masonic Fraternity in this, as well as all other movements for the uplifting and stabilizing humanity's cause, might well take the lead.

I urge upon the brethren of the Grand Jurisdiction, especially those who have members of their own Lodge who are making their last sojourn in life in the Masonic Home, to spread some of life's sunshine in their path. A hand-clasp means much; but a word of cheer has the value and importance of a revelation. Bring a bouquet while you may.

Research and Education and the spiritual advance of Masonic find in him an inspiring leader:

The committee on Masonic Research and Education can accomplish a great work and render practical service to Masonry in unfolding the beauties of Masonry, its symbolism and its philosophy, so as to enable each one to build more stately the Masonic structure by making the world better in passing through and endeavoring to lift each human being just a little bit higher than where he found them.

"To love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy mind, with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and thy neighbor as thyself."

Masonry teaches this doctrine; Masonry proclaims it from the mountain tops, and Masonry demands the practice of it. As Masons we must be real, genuine, and not superficial.

Love, faith and loyalty constitute the essence of Freemasonry, Service and sacrifice exemplify its virtues.

What wonderful ideals have been ours! Reverence for God, obedience to law, uprighteousness of conduct, helping the needy, guarding the sanctity of the home and family, and that great ideal of charity to all and malice to none. These are the beautiful garments in which Masonry arrays herself, as ideals of life. Let us make use of them, for our years are slipping by; and, before we are aware of it, "the night cometh, when no man shall work." Oh, subtle, insatiable time! What has thou not taken from us? At the year's end, memories, regrets. A time to apply the scales of conscience, to weigh duties neglected and failure to take advantage of opportunities to render service.

Shall the Masonic mind be warped by the spirit of suspicion and selfishness, so evident in the world today? I say—"No, a thousand times, no." Never before in the history of Masonry has there been a greater need for Masons of right thinking than at the present time; and, if we turn back the pages of history, there is little doubt that at no time since the war between the States has Masonry passed through a more serious crisis than that which has befallen the Craft during the present Masonic year.

Masonry does not deprive any one of its members of his individual liberty as a citizen, in freedom of thought, word and action. But he must be particularly careful. He must not use Masonry in the promotion of anything that is not strictly Masonic. Nor should a building, dedicated to Masonry, virtue and benevolence, be used for anything that is not in keeping with these ideals. It must not be overlooked that this Grand Lodge still retains the power and authority to enforce obedience among its members to a strict observance of its Landmarks.

His conclusion is in every way worthy:

Every person is responsible for all the good within the scope of his abilities, and for no more; and none can tell whose sphere is the largest.

I wish, for him, the same kind consideration and loyal support which you have given me. The work of the year has not been easy, but it has been a labor of love. The experience gained has enriched and broadened my life. And, as I step down, I shall deem it an honor to be one of you, meeting on the level, but not as a has-been, for my desire for duty has only been intensified by reason of the larger vision which I have received, prompting me to be ever ready to perform any work, even the most difficult, if it be for the welfare of mankind and the safety, peace and prosperity of the nation—ever

working, ever praying, ever hoping that the blessings of our Heavenly Father may rest upon our labors.

The address of the Grand Orator W. Bro. the Rt. Rev. Frederick W. Keator was received with great applause and printed in full in the Proceedings. His style may be gathered from these extracts:

The growth of Masonry in this our day and generation is marked by a very rapid increase in the number of its adherents; but will any Mason dare to say that Masonry can really thrive and flourish on numbers alone? Is not the needed challenge to-day, not only to every new Apprentice, but to every toiling Fellow-Craft and every working Master Mason, just this: "Look to the rock from whence ye are hewn!"

It is in keeping with this challenge that I venture to address this Grand Lodge as the Witness and Keeper of Masonic Truth in this Grand Jurisdiction on The Democracy of Masonry.

With all the emphasis which I may venture to command, and certainly out of a deep love and veneration for this splendid institution of such honored and honorable lineage, let me urge upon all and upon each the importance of looking well to the foundations, and then following faithfully the long, patient and slow stages of the building erected thereon; for, in and through it all, perchance we shall gain some glimpse of the Plan of the Grand Architect, and some better and finer conception of the work which together with Him we are set to do.

Were I to dare to express that plan and purpose in a single word, that word would be Fellowship.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals had some knotty problems to deal with and under "Degree by misrepresentation" we find their final decision:

Your Committee believes that it is for the good of Free Masonry to thus publicly assert that it is not within the power of any individual to wilfully misrepresent his status, or deceive the Lodge, with reference to his attempts to become a Mason, and, notwithstanding, he declared innocent and acquitted. For no man can be guilty of a wilful wrong, the facts admitted, and be innocent at one and the same time. There cannot be a lack of intent when an act is wilful, either under civil law or under the common law of Free Masonry.

The Grand Historian delivered an erudite address full of interest and showing much research. He summarizes as follows:

History teaches us as Masons, if we are warranted in drawing any analogy from the lessons of the past, with respect to the concordant orders, that we must either regain that dominant position for Ancient Craft Masonry which it once

held in this country, which it still continues to hold in all English-speaking countries except our own; or we must be content to be subordinated by those Orders and finally to be practically absorbed by one or the other—a transformation which has already taken place in some jurisdictions, where the policy of Freemasonry is determined and ordered from without and carried into execution by “higher degree” Masons functioning in the Grand Lodge.

A roster of the Lodges gives the Officers and the annual work.

Our honoured veteran, W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson of Toronto, worthily represents the Grand Lodge of Washington.

The report on Correspondence is largely in topical form, dealing with special subjects and not by jurisdictions. Character Building, Dual Membership, The Extraneous Orders, Care in Investigating and other matters are epitomized from the Proceedings of Grand Lodge.

With regard to the Grotto, which is attracting some attention, the reviewer says:

The Grand Master of West Virginia refused the order permission to meet in Lodge rooms. Evidently they laid their whole system before him, a non-member, in order to gain his consent. This he declined to give, saying that he found nothing in this which would connect this order with, or, so far as I can see, commend it to Ancient Craft Masonry.”

The Ku Klux Klan, a disturbing element in certain parts of the United States, comes in for much notice.

With regard to Masonic emblems our colleague quotes and comments:

The Grand Lodge of South Australia goes to the other extreme. They adopted a resolution which provides:

“That each Australian Grand Lodge discountenance the wearing by members of Lodges holding under its constitution of Masonic Emblems outside a Masonic Lodge, except at Masonic functions.”

We wonder if they realize that this would cut off the only Masonic activity of a number of brethren and deprive them of the only good they get out of Masonry.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan receives special notice, and deserves it.

Hear the conclusion of the whole matter:

Perhaps it would be this—that there is an apparent tendency to return to the fundamentals of Masonry, and leave the settlement of public questions to the judgment of Masons individually. Not that the feeling is strong as it should be, for many cases of publicity seeking have been seen, and some Grand Masters are still ready to grant dispensations on slight provocation for Lodges to parade as such, while many good brethren seem to feel that the institution must take a stand which will determine our individual opinions and officially record our position on certain problems.

Where they get away with the idea that, ultimately, anything but Masonry bears the responsibility is more than we can understand. You take every asinine stunt that is pulled by these organizations (and some of them are pulling one or more most all the time), and the conversation between outsiders generally winds up as one we heard not long ago: "Well, they're all Masons, and I did not know Masons went in for such things."

So the tendency, slight as it is, to hold fast the established usages and purposes of the Craft, and, "forgetting that which is behind, press forward toward the mark," is something for which we should be properly grateful.

Ralph C. McAllastir is in charge of this important department of the Grand Lodge Proceedings.

M.W. Bro. Tom W. Holman, Olympia, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Horace W. Tyler, Tacoma, Grand Secretary.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

95 Lodges

6,010 Members.

The Annual Communication was held at Perth, May 24th, 1923, Most Rev. C. O. L. Riley, Archbishop of Perth, Presiding.

The largest Lodge on the register is Swan with a membership of 137, being followed by the Lodge of St. John with 132, and Geraldton with 114. Only 8 Lodges have a membership of 100 or over.

One of the regulations of the Book of Constitution reads as follows: "No person shall be made a Mason unless he shall have been nominated at one regular monthly meeting, and proposed, seconded, and balloted for at the next regular monthly meeting." The Board of General

Purposes ruled that a ballot could not take place unless the proposer and seconder were both present to propose and second their candidate at the time of ballot.

The following from the report of the Board of General Purposes shows the attitude of Western Australia towards the French Grand Lodges:

Some months ago a visitor claiming to be a member of Lodge La Bienfaisance, Port Louis, Mauritius, presented himself to one of our lodges and claimed the right of visitation. It was pointed out to him that his lodge being under the Grand Orient of France he was not entitled to visit any lodge in this jurisdiction. He took strong exception to our action, and pointed out that his lodge was recognized by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and, in support of his statement, he produced two summonses from Lodge Friendship, No. 439, S.C., Port Louis, for meetings held on 13th and 20th December, 1921. On the former his name was shown as a candidate for affiliation and in the latter he was set down for affiliation, from which it appeared that he had been elected as an affiliating or joining member. He was very emphatic in declaring that his lodge, although under the Grand Orient of France, was recognized by Scottish Lodges everywhere, and to some extent, that appeared to have been borne out by the summonses he produced. The Grand Secretary communicated with the Grand Secretary of Scotland, and received a reply to the effect that the Grand Orient of France was not recognized in any way by Scotland, and that the affiliation in question had not actually taken place. The case is placed on record in order to remind lodges that members under either the Grand Orient of France or the Grand Lodge of France are not eligible to be received as visitors.

More than half of the volume of Proceedings is taken up with the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. This report is one of the best we have seen, the work being divided among the members of the committee. The general tenor is one of wise conservatism, and is decidedly antagonistic to the growing tendency which exists in many jurisdictions towards the recognition and fostering of organizations which draw their membership from the Craft lodges.

The review of Canada for 1922 is by R.W. Bro. F. A. McMullen. He quotes freely from Bro. Ponton's address and refers to his recommendation that the list of our Grand Lodge representatives should be submitted to a committee for revision. He says:

We do not, however, find record of the appointment of such committee. It is indeed time that Most Grand Lodges revised their lists of Grand Representatives.

He refers to the resolution of our Grand Lodge in the matter of "The Grotto" and remarks:

An amendment covering all excrescent organizations was submitted and carried. If all other American Grand Lodges would take similar decisive action these vampire organizations would soon disappear.

Another reviewer, however, is more kindly in his reference to modern American tendencies and in his review of Nevada has the following:

Of course with the conservatism that is so definite a feature of British forbears, Masons in this jurisdiction, if they do not look askance at what they consider to be new fangled ways are extremely reluctant to accept anything which savours of rapid change. This outlook we can carry too far, and we read with an interested mind, the paragraph on the De Molay organization, for the sons of Freemasons, between the ages of 16 and 26.

T.S.

WEST VIRGINIA

E. Carl Frame, M.W. Grand Master.

Number of Lodges 165 Membership 31,018 Gain 1,467.

A portrait of the new Grand Master and a brief biography indicates a man of mature experience and introduces us to the Proceedings.

Many Special Communications were held, the great number having been for the purpose of laying Corner-stones of Schools throughout the State and of Temples and Churches. This is as it should be.

At the laying of the Corner-stone of the new High School at Fayetteville, the Grand Orator spoke thus:

The custom of laying corner stones is an ancient one among the Masonic fraternity. When it was that the custom first originated no one authoritatively knows, because Masonic activity reaches back into the mists of antiquity, but we do know that this act is now and ever present stimulus for the erection of greater edifices and Masonry is glad to assume this duty and perform this ancient rite. Glad to do this because Masonry has always encouraged education and the propagation of the art, glad to do this because Masonry and education go hand in hand and wherever you find a public school you may also expect to find, not far distant, a Masonic lodge.

There comes a time in the life of every ambitious man when he outgrows the habitation of his soul, when he forms new ideals and reaches out for greater things. It was this transformation that inspired the poet to say:

“Build thee more stately mansions O my soul
Build thee more mansions fair.”

And following this advice we strive for greater spiritual things and finer spiritual accomplishments.

The Annual Communication was held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral at Wheeling, 14th November, 1923, in the presence of all the Grand Lodge Officers and the Representatives of all the Lodges, including no less than 18 faithful and loyal Past Grand Masters.

Canada was represented by George W. McClintic who received the Grand Honours with many other Grand Representatives.

From the Grand Master's introduction we take the following:

Fortunately, Masonry is not dependent upon the efforts of a single individual, or corps of officers, however efficient. The principles of our Institution were cemented into its foundation by the Master Architect at the beginning of time; her three vast pillars are imbedded in the imperishable principles of justice and liberty for all mankind—broad-based on the everlasting foundations of service and beauty, and, like the sturdy oak, her roots become more firmly implanted in the soil of civilization, as the storms of adverse criticism seek her destruction.

He paid many visits, laid many Corner-stones, granted many Dispensations and refused many. Among them the following:

Requests by Lodges for permission to allow other orders and lodges the joint use of their lodge room for a rental consideration have universally been refused.

From his numerous decisions we take these three:

Affirming former decisions, it is held that U. D. Lodges cannot grant dimits.

The declaration by a Master of a Lodge that the ballot “is clear in the East,” after the same has been inspected and declared in the South and West, is final.

Question: What governs in the matter of determining jurisdiction between two Lodges—whether the distance called for * * * is from the Lodge Rooms or from the corporate limits of the town wherein the Lodge is situated?

Held: The jurisdiction of each subordinate Lodge extends to a point equi-distant, in an air line, from the building in which the Lodges meet, and not from the corporate limits of the places wherein the Lodges are situate.

The Corner-stone of the new Masonic Home was laid just two years before the annual meeting, and of the immediate auspicious prospects the Grand Master says:

Two years ago, almost to the day, in the City of Parkersburg, this Grand Lodge laid the corner stone of our Masonic Home. At this Communication, the reports of the Board of Trustees and Governors will show that this magnificent monument to the higher ideals of our Institution will soon be ready for occupancy.

Accompanying his earnest recommendation that a Master Mason should mature after receiving his Third Degree before passing on to others, he says:

The making of a Mason is begun, but not completed, when he is made a member of a Lodge at the conclusion of the ceremonies of being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. It takes something more than merely taking upon ourselves the solemn obligations of Masonry to constitute a Mason. Masonry, as has been well said, is a science of progressive moral development, which grows from within, and it is only he who was wrought in the secret vault and diligently searched for the lost word, who can lay claim to the distinctive title of Master Mason.

And from his conclusion we take the following:

So has the Great Architect of the Universe committed to us the building of our moral and Masonic edifice, and to that end has drawn on the great trestle board of life, certain designs and plans, which, if incorporated into our Temple, will earn for us the Heavenly plaudit of "well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into life Eternal."

Much important business was transacted.

Memorial pages are devoted to those who have answered the last Roll Call and a special In Memoriam page to all, worded thus:

"IN MEMORIAM
of
ALL MASONS
Good Men and True Who Died on
Land and Sea
Since This Memorial Page was Printed
One Year Ago."

The returns and membership of the individual constituent Lodges are given in full covering many living pages well worth while.

Each year's Proceedings thus become of personal interest to all members as well as Officers.

The Foreign Correspondence is in the able hands of M.W. Bro. George W. Atkinson, P.G.M. but he reports that the Proceedings of Canada were not received by him and therefore are not reviewed.

His inspecting tour took him through many Jurisdictions, from and on the Proceedings of which he makes both extracts and comments.

He finds Guest's poem much quoted and reproduces it twice.

From his review of Mississippi we take two of the verses:

"I have to live with myself, and so,
I want to be fit for myself to know,
I want to be able as the days go by
Always to look myself straight in the eye;
I don't want to stand with the setting sun,
And hate myself for the things I've done."

"I want to go out with my head erect,
I want to deserve all men's respect;
And here in the struggle for fame and pelf
I want to be able to like myself;
I don't want to look at myself and know
That I am all bluff and bluster and show."

Iowa and Utah as with us, receive special attention from our colleague.

The British Jurisdictions are greeted with most friendly good-will.

From his concluding remarks we take these philosophical reflections:

It is the ardent hope of your Committee that the desire of great numbers of citizens to be enrolled as members, and to participate in the glorious traditions and privileges of Freemasonry, is not generally prompted by sordid motives, and that, as in the lodges of this state, the utmost care is exercised in the selection of new brethren, so as to secure only those who are fitted, by their antecedents and characteristics, to maintain the ancient landmarks of our noble institution.

The number of homes and schools devoted to old and distressed Masons or their wives and families steadily increases, and throughout the English-speaking jurisdictions there is a continuous series of these institutions.

If we confess to what we really find, even in the life of one whom we know best, we must own ourselves baffled—the way is blocked and signboards carry the legend: “No thoroughfare!” A moment’s reflection we opine, will convince us that Wordsworth gave voice to our experience when, musing on the matters set forth in *The Prelude*, he acknowledged:

“The face of every one
That passes by me is a mystery.”

I take it that he had in mind the life, and not simply the physical, fleshly face, upon the tablets of which so much is written, and by which so much is concealed.

The ever increasing number of Clubs and Societies, having as a pre-requisite for membership, Masonic affiliation. As one writer remarks, “Wrong in its conception, questionable in its activities, and disastrous in its consequences, it may not longer be disregarded; it may not be lightly considered, but must be looked upon with what seriousness the extent of the menace demands.”

Their interjection into various communities has engendered bitter opposition from those who give Masonry a high place in their lives, and has developed schisms which have seriously endangered the harmony of theretofore harmonious bodies.

Freemasonry seeks men who can serve it. We want help; the help of strong, the sensible, and the unselfish. The age is crying for men—civilization wants men who can save it from dissolution; and those who can benefit it most are those who are freest from prejudice, hate, revenge, whim, and fear.

Everywhere there is a growing insistence that Masonic Charity shall be more than a beautiful theory.

Fred C. Steinbicker, Wheeling, M.W. Grand Master.

John M. Collins, Charleston, R.W. Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN

John E. Langdon, M.W. Grand Master.

Number of Lodges 290. Membership 49,550 Net gain 3,220.

The 79th Annual Communication was opened in ample form in the Scottish Rite Cathedral on June 12th, 1923.

The Grand Master said among other thoughtful remarks:

Times come to institutions, as well as individuals, when men are called upon to pause in the busy work of life and carefully consider the past and plan for the future. Such a time has come to us. It is a significant period. We look backward to read the story of the past, and forward to profit by whatsoever of knowledge and wisdom experience has brought to us.

I have also heard acquaintance was hard to make, that there was not a brotherly spirit. Now I want you all to have a good time at this session. You are all Brothers of the same Craft, and if there are any desiring acquaintance, come to me and I will assure you you will be pleasantly accommodated.

He appointed W. Bro. Charles A. Adams to represent Canada.

Under Charity the Grand Master has this to say:

Some Lodges seem to forget that it is their duty to assist their own members, and expect the Grand Lodge to assume the same when their finances would enable them to provide such assistance. I wish every representative who expects to ask this Grand Lodge for charity to be prepared, when they appear before the Charity Committee, to give said Committee the amount it has already furnished, the condition of its finances and a statement of the case.

I wish to emphasize a privilege we seldom do—that is, to inquire regarding a Brother's welfare.

Yet so long as he refrains from appealing we show little interest in him. We force him into the uncomfortable position of having to appeal before we fulfill an obligation to him.

It is a crowning glory of Freemasonry to do these things which we are taught to do and should do, thus making them feel we are able to look beyond and see real trouble in the lives of others.

Among his decisions we quote the following:

Question—Can a Lodge sell one-half interest in its hall to another society?

Answer—No. A Lodge owning a hall dedicated to Masonic use can not sell a half interest to another society to use its Lodge room in connection with such society.

With regard to the observance of the Sabbath hear the Grand Master:

Masonry is a dignified institution, its ideas of the highest, and we as Masons should maintain that high efficiency in both principle and practice, which assures respect, that gives dignity to the enforcement of our laws. If we are to preserve the reputation of the Fraternity unsullied we need to be careful in the use of our Lodge room on Sunday.

In connection with the Orphans Home he spoke as follows:

I am of the opinion we should not be satisfied with simply building a Masonic Home for the unfortunate and dependent Masons, although its accomplishment is a wonderful achievement, worthy the name of this great fraternity, we should direct our attention to the building of a Home for the care of our orphan children; a Home around which shall cluster all that makes a home the sweetest, dearest place on earth; where tender hands shall receive them and gentle sympathy bind up their broken lives and create cheer and bring solace to their stricken lives.

Under social features he strikes the right note:

The Lodge, its officers and members are sometimes at fault. If some agreeable companionship, some satisfying, helpful friendship, was shown them they would not want to withdraw. Conferring the degrees is not all of making a man a Mason. It is only the beginning. A good Master should find work for every member, work that will make him feel that he is of some account. It will elevate his ideas and expand his mind and heart toward our beloved institution.

Much business was transacted by Grand Lodge in a business like way.

Due honour was accorded the memory of those who had received their last Degree.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence was in the able hands of M.W. Bro. Aldro Jenks, who does not spare himself in his copious quotations.

Under Canada, with regard to Grand Representatives and side issues he writes as follows:

As there is nothing for a Grand Representative to do, no one can accuse them of neglecting their duties. The fact is that the office is quite like the appendix vermiformis in man—no one has as yet been able to figure out just what function it is expected to perform. G. M. Ponton's remarks on the subject of "Side Issues" are good; we quote him as follows:

"I cannot understand the apparent predilection of some of our members to evolve and multiply new organizations which detach and dissipate the energies that might otherwise be

employed in building up and making and keeping pure Craft Masonry as a joy forever—which it is to all its votaries—and of others, who through some undisclosed but apparently irresistible impulse or magnetic attraction, associate themselves in their capacity as Masons, with bodies which profess to be extraneous to the Craft, yet make good standing in the Craft a prerequisite of membership and of office.”

With regard to our District Deputy system he says:

The reports show that the various Lodges are kept under quite careful and intimate supervision. Whether the game is worth the candle is for our Canadian Brethren to determine. We doubt whether their method is any more efficient than ours where the same results are attained through visits made by the Grand Lecturer.

He gives Kentucky a proper meed of praise in the following:

Kentucky has a Million Dollar Committee, appointed two years ago to secure by subscription one million dollars for the erection of new buildings and the support of its Masonic Home. It reported having secured subscriptions amounting to the sum of \$970,632,60, a most creditable showing.

Under New York and with reference to the model Home at Utica he quotes and writes:

“HOME means rest and quiet and happiness, HOME is earth’s touch of the bliss of heaven.

The beneficent purpose of our great work at Utica is to restore to those of our Masonic faith and kin, both old and young, to whom the misfortunes and adversities of life have brought loss and deprivation, the benign blessings of home.”

Within the walls of their Home, 2,066 aged Masons, their wives, widows and orphans have been sheltered from the winds of adversity.

We give his worthy and thought producing conclusion in full:

There is an ever increasing organization of new societies that are endeavoring to hitch their handsleds to the Masonic bob-sled. The train has become a long one and the driver of the bob may have to heed the admonition and “whip behind.” Every attempt to do so, however, meets with a howl of protest on the part of the friends of the youngsters who prefer to see them dragged up the hill, even at the expense of the vehicle that is dragging the entire load. We hope they may not become so numerous as to stall the team.

Masonic Homes are growing in favor and we believe in usefulness. The institutional method of administering Masonic charity is certainly not the most economical one, but it

has features that cannot be afforded in any other manner. It certainly exhibits in a concrete and visible manner the great Masonic teaching of charity and the support of our unfortunate Brethren. In no instance has a Grand Lodge ever abandoned the method and returned to the former methods of relief. On the contrary, whenever the Homes have been filled to capacity, the tendency is to add to and enlarge them so that they may be adequate to meet all demands.

Charles F. Lamb, Madison, M.W. Grand Master.

William W. Perry, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

WYOMING

William A. Riner, M.W. Grand Master.

Membership 6,873. Increase 360. Number of Lodges 42.

A portrait and brief biography of the incoming Grand Master precedes the Proceedings.

After a record of several special Communications in which the laying of Corner-stones is especially featured as in nearly all the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States, the laying of the Corner-stone of the new Scottish Rite Cathedral in Cheyenne is chronicled in full, with a full page portrait of the dramatic scene.

From the address given by the Grand Orator on the occasion we take the following:

As we mark the commencement of this noble edifice, our minds are filled with wonder at the rapid development of this Western Country. There are men and women still living here to-day, who helped to pitch the first tent on the spot where our beautiful Capitol City stands. To what wondrous changes can they bear witness, but greatest of all is the everlasting truth that a mighty people have increased and multiplied and altered for the better, in words and dress, in face and form, in thoughts and deeds. Fair Wyoming, standing here to-day in the presence of her miraculous achievements, prophecy looks out upon the future and stands dumb.

Upon this corner-stone will stand a beautiful Masonic Cathedral, which shall assist the spiritual side of our natures to keep pace with our material development, which shall lift men's minds and consciences above the sordid dust and mire into the realms of the great 'I AM.'

The Forty-ninth Annual Communication was held at Cheyenne on the 22nd of August, 1923.

After addresses of welcome and able response thereto the Credential Committee reported and the Grand Master delivered his annual address and report, from which we take the following sentences:

The wisdom of ages past created the Order of Freemasonry. The wisdom and experience of the many ages through which it has lived have highly justified that creation. Old things sometimes weary, grow out of date, decay and vanish. Not so the Masonic society.

As year follows year we have increased in numbers. Significantly, too, our institution is growing stronger in the hearts and the estimation of the people of our State.

We are upholders of the rights of person and property, of law and order; in short, of the great forces that make for the highest development of civilization.

Should at any time vexatious differences tend to creep into this or the subordinate lodges let us keep ever before us the unchanging and eternal principles upon which the fabric of Freemasonry rests.

"Too low they build who build beneath the stars." Let the spirit of the Supreme Grand Master, ever present, help us to remember that there is no right without a parallel duty; no high destiny without earnest perservance; and no real greatness without self-denial.

With regard to the George Washington Memorial he says:

It will stand in sight of the Nation's capitol, the White House and the other great government buildings. Its proposed form—as its designer declared—"is inspired by the great towers built in the ancient days of Greece and Rome to mark the entrances to their harbors, and from whose summits permanent burning flares that could be seen for miles at sea guided the mariner on his way.

He rules that only a Master Mason is entitled to a demit and gives other important rulings.

His conclusion is inspiring:

Shall we not strive, therefore, that what we may do shall ever prove an inspiration to those who come after in perpetuating the excellent tenets of our profession? Let unselfishness be continually one of the cardinal principles of our lives, and may our deliberations ever be harmonious—truly Masonic—with the lofty purpose of honoring God and doing good to

our fellowmen, as we wait confidently the fruition of that perfect and universal human brotherhood of which the poet sang, when

“all men’s good
Shall be each man’s rule, and universal peace
Lie, like a shaft of light, across the land,
And like a lane of beams athwart the sea.”

The Grand Historian is doing good work, the edge of which he touches upon in the following:

Since November 1, 1922, I have written more than three hundred letters and more than one hundred outlines for historic of local lodges, and have made personal appeals to members of the local lodges to have the data for their histories in the hands of your Grand Historian in time so he could make a creditable report at this session of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge.

I have revised and edited all the histories of local lodges and all the biographical sketches of the Past Grand Masters that have been received.

The Grand Librarian is interesting the Craft in his collection of valuable books and publications:

By persistent effort we have succeeded in obtaining copies of missing volumes of the proceedings of Wyoming, and two sets thereof from the organization of our Grand Lodge to date have been bound, each set comprising eight volumes.

The Committee on Masonic Foreign Correspondence lays down the following essential requirements for accord- ing recognition and as other Jurisdictions have adopted similar standards, we reproduce it in full for the information of the members of our own Grand Lodge.

Fraternal recognition may be extended to a foreign Grand Lodge when it appears to the satisfaction of this Grand Body that the following requisites have been complied with, the Committee on Masonic Correspondence having considered and made its report thereon:

1. That such Grand Lodge has been lawfully formed by three or more just and regular Lodges.
2. That it is a responsible independent self-governing organization with undisputed and exclusive authority over the Symbolic Lodges within its territorial jurisdiction, and not subject or under authority of any Supreme Power claiming control over the three Symbolic Degrees known as the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason.
3. That its membership is composed of men only.

4. That it adheres in principle to the Ancient Landmarks, traditions, customs and usages of the Craft as set forth and adopted by the Grand Lodge of England in 1723, which involves:

(a) The belief in the existence of one God, the Father of all men.

(b) The belief in Immortality.

(c) The presence of the Three Great Lights of Masonry in the Lodges while at work, which must include the Sacred Book of the Divine Law.

(d) The division of Symbolic Masonry into three degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason.

(e) Belief in secrecy.

(5) That it is non-sectarian and non-political and excludes discussions on these subjects from all meetings held under the auspices of a lodge.

Seventeen Past Grand Masters attended the Cheyenne Communication and their group photograph showing earnest intelligence and keen vitality, adorns a page of the Proceedings.

In acknowledging the jewel presented to him, Grand Master Riner (who is a Judge) gave an able address concluding as follows:

I will prize this highly because of the duties that have come to me and for all that those duties have meant to me. But I can say this with a full heart: I will prize it most highly because of the delightful friendships and associations that I have had with those whom to know is to become better, wiser and happier, the splendid manhood of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming. I thank you.

And thereafter we read the following pleasing record:

Brother Charles N. Potter, P.G.M., on behalf of Acacia Lodge presented to Brother William A. Riner, the outgoing Grand Master, a beautiful set of Silver, as a token of the love and esteem of the members of his lodge.

Many In Memoriams tributes are given with portraits of those who have gone before. Among them we note that Past Grand Master Daley was born in 1844 at St. John, New Brunswick.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is written by the Grand Secretary, Joseph M. Lowndes.

Under British Columbia he quotes and writes as follows:

To our Brethren South of the Line and around the Seven seas, I would convey the Greetings of this Grand Lodge; and asking them "What of the night," methinks I hear the reply ring round the World—"All is well;" "God's in His heaven, all's well with the World."

It is incumbent, therefore, on us, as true members of the Craft, to preach the gospel of good-will wherever we are, and strive to promote Peace, Harmony and Courage.

If, therefore, there be any kindness we can show or any good we can do to any fellow human beings, let us do it at once, let us not defer it, or neglect it, for we shall not pass this way again."

Canada for 1922 is favourably commented upon and the following among other extracts from the Grand Master's address is given:

In any event, I would rather see attendance duplicated, than the roll quadruplicated. Members on paper are neither a pillar, column nor ornament to the Lodge, which is a living organism whose countersign is manhood, and loyalty—real men in a world of men.

R.W. Bro. Brown receives his meed of praise and of citation and the recommendation from the Committee on the Condition of Masonry is quoted with approval:

"For many years these reviews have formed one of the most readable and instructive parts of our Grand Lodge proceedings. They give evidence of careful preparation and are a treasure-house of information for the investigator searching for the masterpieces of current Masonic literature, or for the student seeking to separate the substantial facts of our history from the myths and fancies of tradition."

Under Wisconsin we find in connection with Flag Day the following:

"This symbol must not be merely a monument of the past. It must be, in your hands and mine, a living, moving, standard, constantly stimulating us to gain the mountain heights of God's purpose for mankind. Thus shall we be worthy to live under its folds."

Hear now the conclusion of the whole matter:

And thus endeth the lesson.

Love one another, teach one another, help one another. That is all our doctrine, all our science, all our law. We have no narrow-minded prejudices; we do not debar from our society

this sect or that sect; it is sufficient for us that a man worships God, no matter under what name or in what manner. Ah! rail against us bigoted and ignorant men, if you will. Those who listen to the truths which Masonry inculcates can readily forgive you. It is impossible to be a good Mason without being a good man.

The Fiftieth Annual Communication will be held at Laramie, on the Fourth Wednesday in August, 1924.

J. W. Stutchell, Shoshoni, M.W. Grand Master.

Joseph M. Lowndes, Casper, R.W. Grand Secretary.

CONCLUSION

Our little Journeys to the Homes of men of good will, the world over, are now happily ended (as happily begun) for another year, and the good ships—good fellowship, and good comradeship are riding buoyantly at anchor in the home port, refitting for the next voyage of 1925 to be undertaken with the League of Good Cheer—by air and land and sea, over hills and valleys, lakes and Rivers, Oceans and Seas, wherever a Mother Grand Lodge lives and rules with beneficent sway over men of light and leading of the creative Craft universal—God be with you till we meet again.

WILLIAM N. PONTON, I.P.G.M.,
Chairman.

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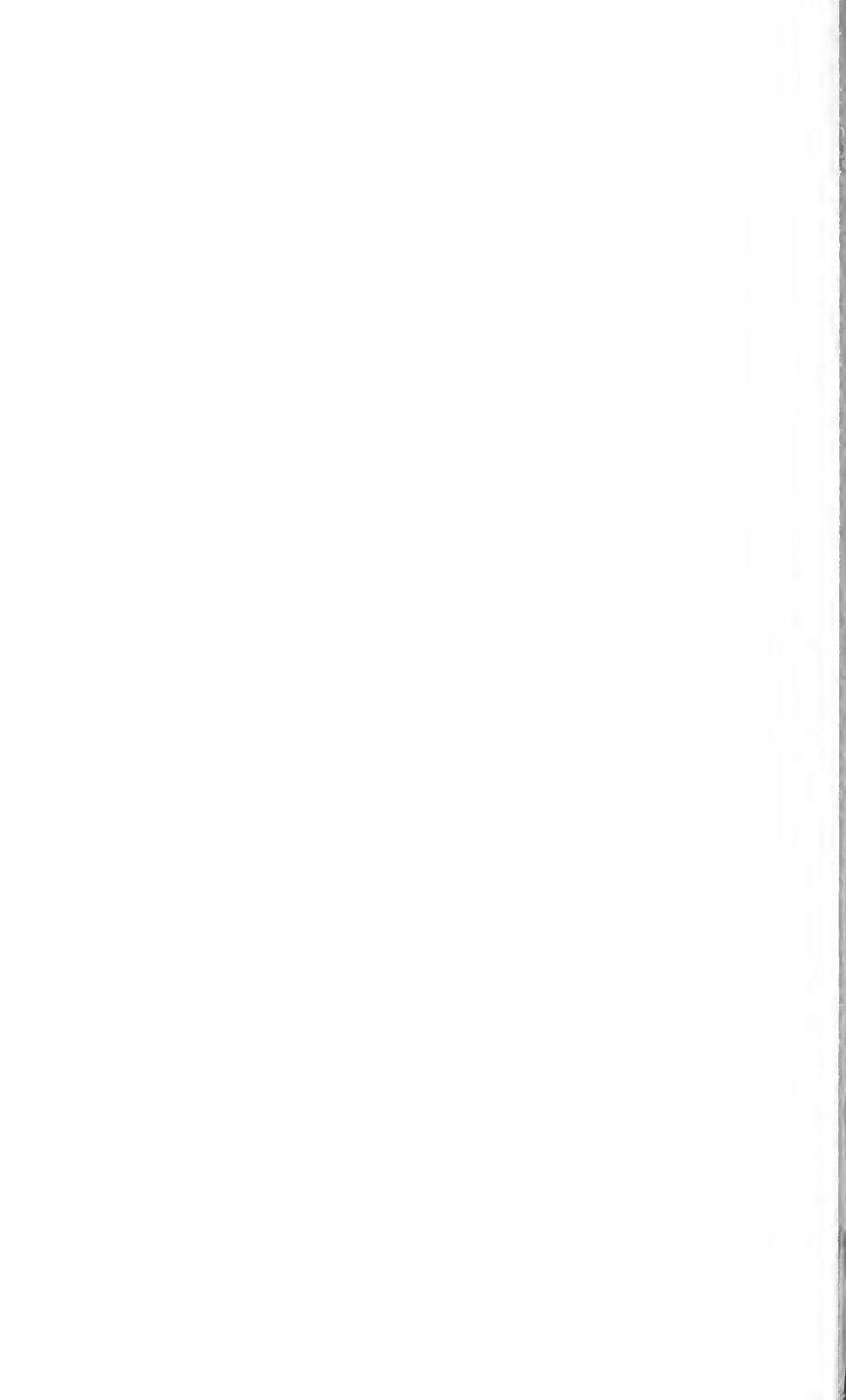
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